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	MIN	MAX	
AMSTERDAM	2	8	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	0	5	Cloudy
COLOGNE	0	5	Cloudy
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GENEVA	1	4	Rain
HELSINKI	0	5	Cloudy
HONG KONG	0	5	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	9	18	Clear
LONDON	0	5	Cloudy
LUXEMBOURG	0	5	Cloudy
MADRID	2	8	Clear
MONTREAL	2	8	Clear
NEW YORK	0	5	Cloudy
PARIS	0	5	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	70	8-13	13
Golan	68	5-13	13
Nahariya	67	5-13	13
Safed	77	6-12	12
Haifa Port	63	13-18	18
Tiberias	—	10-17	17
Nazareth	65	8-16	16
Alula	62	8-20	20
Shimon	65	8-15	15
Tel Aviv	81	12-17	17
B-G Airport	86	11-18	18
Jericho	51	8-21	21
Gaza	67	10-18	18
Beer-sheva	55	5-17	18
Idit	30	7-21	22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday hosted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for lunch at his private residence.

Industrialist Yisrael Pollack this week hosted a cocktail reception in honour of Sam Rothberg, worldwide fund-raising chairman of the "Golda Meir Memorial Fund," which hopes to help students from Israel and the Diaspora undertake master's, doctoral and post-doctoral studies at the Hebrew University.

Freddy Levy, previously Sabena's manager in Ghent, Belgium, has been appointed the airline's general manager in Israel.

Birth

REUVEN. — Mazal and Shem-Tov are happy to announce the birth of their second son, brother to Shlomi, on Tuesday, January 3, 1984.

ARRIVALS

Phyllis Suker, president, Gloria Elling, Phyllis Frank, vice-president, Pioneer Women/Na'amat USA, Pearl Mekler, president, Pioneer Women/Na'amat Canada, Marie Lunnadere, president, Na'amat/Femmes Pioneer France, for World Labour Zionist Movement meeting and the WZO General Council meeting.

Cecily Peters, national president, Canadian Hadasah-WIZO organization and Lily Frank, national executive vice-president, to attend meetings of the Zionist General Council and the WIZO plenary.

Navon 'inclined' to return to political life

TEL AVIV. — Former President Yitzhak Navon said in a television interview last night: "I have an inclination to return to political life, but the timing will have to wait."

In answer to the question of whether he would like to be prime minister, Navon said: "I'll talk with the party leadership and members and together we will decide what is best."

Speaking yesterday to the young leadership group of the Labour Zionist Movement, his first appearance in a party forum since the end of his presidential term last year, Navon said that the "sad" economic situation was fraught with danger, especially in the social sphere.

"I told this to the minister of finance too," he said, adding that there was no possibility to remedy the situation by decree.

Navon asserted that he would remain strictly beyond the political melee until at least a year after the end of his presidential term. "If I decide to enter politics, I'll try to act as a messiah," he stressed.

The statement referred to reports that Navon could "save" the Labour Party by agreeing to assume the leadership, thus ending the Peres-Rabin rivalry.

CAUGHT. — A Tiberias man was fined \$10,000 and given a three-month suspended sentence by a magistrate's court yesterday for fraudulently receiving unemployment compensation. The man, Yisrael Mashiah, 50, had declared that he had no work while he was driving a truck for a local earth-moving company.

HOME NEWS

Transport Ministry workers plan sanctions

All automobile and driver licensing, weather forecasting, civil air transport supervision and certain shipping control functions may be paralysed by sanctions by Transport Ministry workers as early as the middle of next week, *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night.

Meanwhile, workers in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, postal workers and teachers in Amal and ORT schools are all threatening to strike.

A final decision on launching the wide-ranging industrial action in the Transport Ministry will be made on Sunday, after the workers hold "exploratory discussion meetings" at their offices.

Among the workers' demands are job grade parity with employees of the Ministries of Finance, Educa-

tion and Communications who perform similar tasks, pay increments for technical workers, and a halt to the Ministry's practice of ordering work from outside sources when, they say, its own staff can carry out the projects.

The country's 5,000 postal workers postponed their sanctions at least until Sunday, according to the Jerusalem District Labour Court's request that they negotiate with the government for one more day.

Contrary to news reports broadcast last night, the 2,700 workers of the Ministry of Agriculture have not yet begun their sanctions.

At a general meeting Wednesday, the workers had decided to begin sanctions immediately and to go out on a general strike within two weeks. But Shimon Ossem,

chairman of the workers committee, told *The Post* last night that they have now decided to hold up their sanctions for a day or so for tactical reasons.

The workers may not want to hurt exports of farm products, which already received a blow during the port workers' go-slow strike last month.

The workers are planning sanctions to block a Ministry of Agriculture decision to fire 160 tenured workers. In addition to holding up exports, the workers plan to prevent slaughtering at regional slaughterhouses.

The staff of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs yesterday voted by a margin of 70 per cent to launch a full strike, but agreed to postpone it for several days hoping

MP barred from ministry

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomat Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, spending Thursday at his office in the Foreign Ministry as usual, was forced yesterday to leave and go back to the Prime Minister's Office when a British Member of Parliament was refused admittance to call on him by Foreign Ministry pickets.

Greville Janner, Labour MP for a Leicester constituency and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told *The Jerusalem Post* after the incident that he was "not taking umbrage."

It was nice of Shamir, he noted, "to take the trouble during a busy day" to move over from the Foreign Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office to meet with him. Janner said the visit was a courtesy call.

He carefully avoided all comment on the Foreign Ministry staff's struggle for improved pay and conditions, but added: "They are heroes. They do a magnificent job in the most difficult circumstances."

The pickets stopped Janner as part of the staff's sanctions, which include not admitting any non-ministry persons to the premises. Shamir's bureau asked the staff committee earlier in the morning if it would make an exception in Janner's case, since he was Shamir's guest. But the committee replied: "No exceptions." When Janner drove up, senior staffer Moshe Gilboa was on hand to explain why he could not come in.

More than 20 conversions to Christianity in Nahariya

By YOEL DAR
Special to Jerusalem Post

NAHARIYA. — More than 20 young Jews here have converted to Christianity in the past year. Nine of them were women who married Scandinavian UNIFIL soldiers, according to sources in the Nahariya Religious Council.

The sources said that others converted after meeting European girls who were volunteers at neighbouring kibbutzim or coming under the influence of missionaries active in Nahariya.

Among the converted are three members of the Gez family, which came to Israel from North Africa in the 50s. Ya'akov Gez, father of the family, told *The Jerusalem Post* that missionaries sometimes help people in financial difficulties or help them to go abroad.

Gez's son Dori converted eight months ago after meeting a German girl who lived at a nearby kibbutz.

The Gez family's contact with Christianity began two years ago, when Ya'akov's daughter, Dori, 20, became friendly with a Norwegian UNIFIL soldier. The couple went to Norway and married, but returned to Nahariya a few months ago.

Under the influence of his German girl friend and his sister, Dori Gez was baptized last summer. His mother originally opposed the action but then began accepting Christianity. Last week she attended Christmas services.

"My real tragedy is that I have another son, a 17-year-old, who is a synagogue sexton," says Ya'akov Gez. "In one room of our flat we have a mezuzah and in the other an icon of Christ."

"I hope that rabbis will help me out of this hell," Gez added.

Samaria Arab gets night burial after compromise

The family of a slain Samaria Arab yesterday withdrew its High Court of Justice petition against the authorities' insistence that he be buried at night after a compromise was reached between the sides.

On Wednesday, Justice Dov Levin issued a temporary injunction forbidding the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration from carrying out its threat to bury the man Reida Kalyani itself. Yesterday, at Levin's urging, the slain man's brother agreed to an 11 p.m. burial, last night, with limited public participation.

Kalyani was shot by an Israeli Defence Forces patrol near Nablus last Sunday allegedly while trying to evade capture. He died later at the Rashadiya Hospital in Nablus, and his body was brought to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir near Tel Aviv.

Appearing before the High Court of Justice yesterday, state-attorney representatives argued that quiet, nighttime burial was necessary to avoid disturbances. The deceased, they said, was known as a troublemaker himself, and another brother is the PLO representative in Yemen.

The family countered that a forced night burial would be contrary to the Geneva Convention and would show dishonour for the dead and add to the family's grief.

According to the compromise worked out, Kalyani was to be buried at 11 p.m., but following the appropriate religious ceremonies at his home and at the mosque in his village, Silat al-Hartiya near Jenin. These were to have been attended by family members and up to 100 additional persons. If there were any disturbances, the authorities reserved the right to remove the body, which was to remain inside a vehicle the whole time, and perform an immediate burial. (Uim)

Mapam to keep four-member leadership

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam will continue to be directed by a four-member team of party secretaries. The party's central committee voted 209 to 303 at a stormy meeting Wednesday night to reject a leadership proposal to revert to a team of two joint secretaries.

The main opposition to the proposal of the party's leadership came from the party delegates from the cities. They noted that both candidates for the position of joint secretaries were members of Mapam's Hakibbutz Ha'artzi movement. They were former Knesset Member Chaika Grossman, of Kibbutz Evron, who opposes staying in the Alignment with the Labour Party, and Hanan Erez, of Kibbutz Hazorea, who represents the narrow 50.05 per cent majority, led by veteran Mapam leader Ya'acov Hazan, in favour of keeping the Alignment.

The new team of four secretaries, to be chosen within the next few weeks, will have to have equal representation of the kibbutz movement and the party's city members as well as of the two main factions for and against the Alignment.

Cut urged in savings-account time

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel's advisory board decided yesterday that the minimum mandatory period for short-term savings accounts will be shortened from two weeks to one. This decision requires government approval before going into effect.

The bank said the move was meant to encourage the public to hold shekel accounts. The minimum deposit necessary in such accounts will be IS4,000.

The commercial bank managers were harshly criticized yesterday for the third time during the past month in the Knesset Finance Committee, which has been deliberating on the banks' plans to raise commissions.

On the committee, MK Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) called for the establishment of a commission of inquiry into the cause of last October's bank shares crisis. He also urged the resignation of the banks' directors.

Most committee members felt that the Banks Examiner should be given additional control authority and that the banks should pay higher interest on savings account.

Shostak gets aide

Journalist and public-relations official Yitzhak Shomron this week took up his new post as senior aide to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak. Shomron will be responsible for information and external relations, and will also be ministry spokesman.

Shomron comes to the Health Ministry from the Energy Ministry, where he served as information director.

Ghali to Paris to meet Mitterrand

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali left for Paris yesterday for a round of talks with French President Francois Mitterrand.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Cairo described the visit as "within the framework of continuous consultations between Egypt and France to promote peace efforts in the Middle East, settle the Lebanese conflict and find ways of solving the Palestinian problem."

Concerning the latter, Egypt and France have a joint initiative pending before the UN Security

Assad plans to appoint vice-president

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Syrian President Hafez Assad, still convalescing after heart trouble in November, plans to appoint a vice-president to ease his workload, diplomatic sources here said yesterday.

They said the most likely candidate for the post is Armed Forces Chief of Staff Major General Hikmet Shihabi.

Shihabi, a 52-year-old Sunni Moslem, has been close to Assad for over a decade and has undertaken diplomatic missions in Washington, Lebanon and elsewhere. As vice-president, he would also be deputy armed-forces commander.

The diplomatic sources added that Assad was thinking of forming a new government, probably under present Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas. The present prime minister, Abdel-Rauf Kasm, has been in power since January 1980.

If Tlas took the premiership, Assad's younger brother, Rifaat, would take over the defence portfolio, the sources said. Rifaat now commands the "Defence Brigades," an elite army corps often described as Syria's Praetorian Guard.

Hussein calls parliament into session

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein of Jordan yesterday called for a special session of the country's 60-seat parliament, which was suspended 10 years ago, a palace statement said.

The king scheduled the session for next Monday to "amend" articles in the constitution banning election of parliamentarians from the West Bank.

Jordan's so-called "Lower House" was suspended in November 1974, shortly after an Arab League summit conference designated the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The move to restore the parliament in Jordan comes as Jordanian and PLO officials say PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Hussein soon may meet to revive a plan to give the Jordanian monarch a mandate to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians in possible U.S.-sponsored peace talks with Israel.

Some Western diplomats also believe the recall of the house might be to secure backing from moderate Palestinians for a new peace effort by the king.

Argentina frees 33 on ADL 'missing' list

NEW YORK (JTA). — Thirty-three Argentinian prisoners whose names appear on a list compiled by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith have been given their freedom by the new Buenos Aires government, the ADL announced yesterday.

According to Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of the league's international affairs division, news of release of six of the 33 was transmitted to the ADL by the Argentine government through its embassy in Washington. The league learned of the freeing of the remaining 27 through unofficial sources.

The freeing of the 27 came about when the government's power of executive detention was terminated with lifting of the official state of siege on the eve of the October 30 election.

Those released, Foxman said, were among the hundreds of imprisoned individuals on whose behalf the ADL is actively involved in seeking information, out of many thousands of "desaparecidos" (disappeared persons) in Argentina.

Three grenades found in burning car in TA

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three fragmentation grenades were found in a burning car in Rehov Arlosoroff here yesterday morning.

The woman who owned the car saw flames coming from it and summoned firefighters. They noticed a grenade between the two front seats, a police sapper summoned to the scene noticed a third grenade, on the rear seat.

Avitan: State witnesses killed Nitzan

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Testifying in district court here yesterday, Herzl Avitan said that two of the state's witnesses against him and Ya'acov Shemesh were guilty of killing Ramle Prison warden Ronnie Nitzan.

Nitzan was murdered in December, 1981. Avitan and Cohen are charged with the murder, as well as with the killing of Keren Or jewelry-factory guard David Oshri in a robbery the following month.

Avitan was brought into court chained and under heavy police guard.

Under questioning by his lawyer, he said that his relations with Nitzan while in the Ramle Prison were good. He said that only once had he undergone an enema as part of a search for drugs.

Avitan said that he first heard of the murder of Nitzan over the radio, a few days after overhearing Cohen and Yeshurun conspire to kill someone, whom he assumed was Nitzan.

The trial is to continue Friday.

Haifa to sue over demolition of historic house

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The municipal engineer is to take legal action against the Amidar housing company and the Israel Lands Administration over the demolition of a historic building in Haifa's German Colony.

The 110-year-old house, built by the Templers, was torn down by Amidar, reportedly on ILA instructions, without a city permit.

The issue was raised by the Council for a Beautiful Israel, which called on the mayor to sue those responsible for tearing down the house on the corners of Anilewitz and Meir streets.

The municipal spokesman said that the building included some outstanding architectural features that made its preservation particularly important. It was included in the list of historical sites that were to be protected and preserved.

Truck drivers serving in Lebanon hold strike

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kfar Giladi. — The owners and drivers of dozens of trucks bringing building materials to Lebanon for the Defence Ministry went on strike yesterday to press demands for higher pay.

The demonstration snarled traffic in Kiryat Shmona. They said that several drivers had already been wounded while bringing materials to Israel Defence Forces outposts.

The Dorot Family and the Staff of the Dagon Hotel, Ashkelon share in the grief of their most veteran employee, Helen Manasseh and Rivka Manasseh

on the passing in old age of their beloved mother, grandmother

SALLY (Haime) MANASSEH

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On the 30th day after the passing of our dear mother and grandmother

EVA GLAZER

her family and friends will meet at the Herzliya Cemetery on Sunday, January 8, 1984, at 3.00 p.m. for a memorial service and the consecration of the tombstone.

Simon and Weinberg Families

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Rabbi ZVI KOENIGSBERG

of Jerusalem and New York

We will conduct a tombstone unveiling ceremony at the Har Hazetim cemetery, Jerusalem, new block, area 4, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1984.

We will meet at 2.30 p.m. at the entrance to the residence of the deceased, 6/A Mevo Timna, Ramat Eshkol.

Koenigsberg and Stermen families

On the thirtieth day after the passing of my husband

Dr. SCHLOMO HOROWITZ

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 9, 1984, at the Hof Hacarmel cemetery, at 3 p.m. We will meet at the gate of the military cemetery. A memorial service will be held on the same day, at the Regal School, Beit Biram, at 4 p.m. A wish to thank all who shared my grief.

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Emergency-ward fees abolished for most

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five days after it came into effect, the Health Ministry's \$1700 fee for people coming to hospital emergency wards for treatment has been virtually cancelled. The only patients subject to the fee are those who come without a doctor's referral, and even they will be entitled to reimbursement from their health funds, if their application for emergency care is deemed "justified."

The system was terminated in an agreement signed last night by Health Ministry Director-General Professor Baruch Modan, the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit chairman Prof. Haim Doron, and the head of the Treasury's budget division, Ya'acov Gadish.

The agreement also ended the ministry's \$1500 fee for a visit to hospital outpatient clinics, which also went into effect last Sunday.

The agreement also stipulates that the Health Ministry will not institute any new fees or payment arrangements without prior consultations with Kupat Holim Clalit, a clause that Clalit sources called the "most important part" of the agreement.

The Histadrut's health fund had steadfastly refused to charge the new fees in its 14 hospitals, on the grounds that it was ideologically opposed to any out-of-pocket fees being charged to anyone with good reasons for seeking medical care.

The health fund was also miffed that the ministry had gone ahead and implemented the fees without first consulting it.

Clalit expressed satisfaction with the agreement, which exempts the following groups from all fees: welfare cases, soldiers, children under two years old, those who are hospitalized straight from the emergency rooms, and victims of traffic accidents.

NEWS BACKGROUND/Robert Rosenberg

Police assail Burg's failure to fight budget cuts

Senior police officers believe that Interior Minister Yosef Burg "no longer has the political power to prevent a budgetary catastrophe," which they say could lead to a drastic increase in crime.

Burg is scheduled to begin deliberations today on the police budget for the coming year, and has asked the force to redo a previously designed budget that asked for a 3 per cent increase — about \$9 million — in the department's development budget.

In 1983, the force was budgeted about \$350 million, but after inflation, had only \$300m. to use. About 75 per cent of that money is for salaries that the Treasury pays out. With about 18,000 people on the force, the police feel they are already drastically understaffed.

But even if they eliminate the development budget, they will not cover the estimated \$35m. that the Treasury wants out from the total.

"Burg does his best, but his best is not enough," said a senior police source this week. Another explained that because of traditions of discipline and obedience inside the force, Inspector-General Arye

budget represents approximately the equivalent of growth in population — and demand for police services — over the past year.

For the last four years, inflation and demands for budget cutting have forced the police to trim administrative staff by 1,000, putting those people into operational tasks. Indeed, at a meeting scheduled for today, senior officers will warn Burg and his ministry's deputy director-general in charge of police, Ya'acov Markowitz, that any more cutbacks will require removing personnel from operational duties.

"I don't blame Burg for the situation," said a senior police officer who voted for our budget last year and who will vote for the budget he presents this coming year. Any MK who votes for this budget has no right to complain if a Danny Katz incident occurs in his neighbourhood," a senior officer said bitterly this week.

Danny Katz was a teenage boy recently kidnapped and murdered, apparently while hitchhiking to his home in Haifa. MK Amnon Linn bitterly attacked the police, protesting that they should have men in the neighbourhoods to prevent such incidents.

The bitterness among both the police command and the rank and

file is not over salaries, though in certain operational departments whose members work long, irregular hours there is despair about the erosion in their income because of inflation.

The real concern in police headquarters around the country is about working conditions.

Automobiles only get traded in after 150,000 kilometres, despite Interior Ministry promises that they could be replaced after 100,000 km. Plans made last year and ratified by the Knesset in the budget presentation made by former finance minister Yoram Aridor called for the trade-in of about 550 automobiles. By year's end, however, only 300 were replaced.

Communications equipment is outdated, buildings are not being repaired, officers in certain operational fields are required to work more than 12 hours a day — without overtime wages — because of a lack of manpower.

The problem, say the police experts, is that there is a constant increase in the public's demand for service from the police, while there is a constant real decline in the resources available. "Aharon Uzan (Tami minister of labour and social

affairs) has three times as much power as Burg," the officer said. "Uzan can close homes for the aged in order to put pressure on the public to put pressure on the Treasury. What do you want us to close to prove our point? The homicide division, the burglary division?"

"A 9 per cent cut will put us right over the edge," said the officer.

Interior Ministry spokesman Yitzhak Agassi scoffed this week at the police force's complaints. "The minister works quietly and gets what the force needs," said Agassi. "He doesn't need to bang on tables or go to the newspapers."

But inside the force, there is growing disillusionment with Burg's tactics and more and more voices of disenchantment with the self-discipline involved in not openly going to the public with warnings about a collapse in police services.

"When they go to cut the Israel Defence Forces' budget you see the chief of staff and the defence minister and everybody else jumping up and down, and it seems to work. Why can't we do that?" asked a junior officer at the Russian Compound headquarters for the Jerusalem area.

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Orthodox Christmas tonight

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bethlehem will tonight again be the focus of Christmas festivities as the country's Orthodox Christians celebrate the feast according to the Julian calendar.

The ceremonies are to begin this morning with the arrival of the heads of the Syrian and Coptic churches and the entry of the Orthodox Patriarch at 10.45 a.m. Tonight, there will be traditional midnight rites, but because of the Jewish Sabbath, most Israeli officials will not be present.

Other sects observing Christmas tonight in their own churches include the Russians, the Rumanian Orthodox, and the Ethiopians. The local Orthodox churches continue to observe the traditional January date although elsewhere, in Greece and Jordan, for example, they join Western Christians in marking December 25.

Ministers yet to report on law in areas

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly four months after it began work on a plan to improve law enforcement in the administered territories, a ministerial committee has yet to bring any recommendations to the government. Meanwhile, the deputy attorney general who raised the issue of faulty law enforcement — especially where inquiries into Jewish vigilantes acting against Arabs are concerned — has reiterated her complaints in a detailed letter to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

Nissim, Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Defence Minister Moshe Arens worked out only recently what they are calling a "policy statement" for law enforcement in the territories. They have yet to bring it to the cabinet for approval.

Police sources who have studied the document, and other material related to the proposed new policy, have suggested that it would require an investment of some \$100 million over five years to fully implement it. Some leading police sources have stated baldly that unless Israeli law is imposed on the territories, "nobody should expect law enforcement in the territories of the quality inside the State of Israel."

The ministerial committee was set up following the resignation of Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp from a committee she headed that kept track of investigations into Jewish vigilantism in the territories and subsequent police and General Security Services inquiries and arrests.

In a letter to Nissim a week ago, Karp reiterated her charges that there is something "faulty" with law enforcement procedures in the territories, and warned that if the position is not quickly remedied, "the situation could worsen."

According to Karp, none of the recommendations she brought forward in the two years she was at work on her committee have been implemented. Included in those recommendations, press reports have said, are calls for drastically beefed up police resources in the territories, and greater cooperation between the local military authorities and the police.



Jerusalem municipality representative restrains Arab woman in village of Silwan yesterday as crews prepare to destroy illegal structure. Another illegal building was demolished in the nearby Ras al-Amud neighbourhood. A municipal spokesman said the owners had appealed to the courts but their suits had been rejected. (Rahamim Israeli)

World Zionists to J'lem to discuss movement's crisis

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 500 delegates, observers and guests are scheduled to participate in a meeting of the Zionist General Council that convenes in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma on Sunday evening. The theme of the meeting is "Future Trends in the Zionist Movement and its Reorganization."

Instead of the standard discussions of settlement, aliya, Jewish education and other matters dealt with by WZO departments, the council will this time deal with the broader question of the crisis in the Zionist movement — a problem whose existence has only recently been admitted publicly by officials of the WZO.

According to the organizers, the council sessions will examine ways to narrow the gap between Zionist ideology and its realization through aliya and other serious commitment to Israel. At present, to become a member of a Zionist organization, one has only to subscribe to the "Jerusalem Programme," which declares the "importance" of aliya and the "centrality of Israel" in Jewish life.

President Chaim Herzog will address the opening session, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will speak at the last session, on Thursday evening. Defence Minister Moshe Arens will appear on Monday afternoon and Labour Party chairman Knesset Member Shimon Peres is scheduled to speak Thursday morning.

A "reception" will be held by Zionist Executive Chairman Arye Dulin for 60 Zionist organizational leaders who have settled in Israel within the last year.

The reception will take place shortly before the opening of the council meeting on Sunday evening. It is the first time that such olim will be so honoured at the council. The initiator of the reception, Ze'ev Levine of the WZO Organization Department, explained that it was important to show that "Zionists" come on aliya. In recent years, the differences between the "non-Zionist" fund-raisers and the "Zionist" members of the WZO has narrowed, as aliya was small among both groups.

The Labour Zionist Movement will conduct a two-day seminar today and tomorrow.

15 arrested in police sweep for suspected drug dealers

Jerusalem Post Staff

REHOVOT (Hn). — In a wide-ranging operation during the last three days, the Coastal Plain District Police arrested 15 suspected drug sellers, including a man believed to be a drug "kingpin" and who had been on the police wanted list for four months.

The operation included raids in Yotve, Ramle, and Lod. In several instances, policemen who entered houses which had been under surveillance had to overcome the violent resistance of suspected drug sellers.

In Jaffa, three suspected heroin dealers were arrested yesterday after a car chase with police, during which the car in which the suspects were travelling struck a bus. The suspects included two Arabs and a Jew.

In the Haifa district court, Malek Mahi Mahi, 22, was yesterday remanded into custody for 15 days after police said he sold heroin to undercover agents.

The police have learned that cocaine is being smuggled into the country by mail from the U.S. This was revealed yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court during the arraignment of Yitzhak Rami, 21, of Holon, who is suspected of receiving cocaine in the mail. The police said they intend to cooperate with Interpol to stop this smuggling.

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Czechs halt official Hebrew courses

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Hebrew-language courses at Prague's official Foreign Languages Institute have been discontinued, the London-based International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia reports.

No explanation has been given for ending the course, or for students' not being permitted to complete the term or sit for examinations.

In recent years the courses were attended by up to 40 students, only about six of whom were of Jewish origin. The courses were generally believed to have been arranged to train secret-service personnel and to prepare for a possible resumption of trade and diplomatic relations with Israel.

Jewish students made a point of

avoiding any contact with the Jewish community.

The council also reports that some Jewish emigrants from Czechoslovakia who have settled in the West since 1968 were last summer refused entry visas to return to the country as tourists.

Also, more Jewish cemeteries in this country have recently been liquidated, including the ancient cemetery of Tachov in Bohemia, which dates to the 15th century. Other cemeteries are due to be demolished soon, and a television tower is to be erected on the site of the Prague-Zizkov Jewish cemetery.

On a brighter note, it is reported that Hanukka was observed in Prague's old Jewish town hall with dancing for young people at night and a children's festival in the afternoon.

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Shalita to get compensation for man's unfinished job

TIBERIAS (Hn). — A man who failed to do work at the home of Knesset Member Benny Shalita for which Shalita paid him seven years ago has been fined and ordered to compensate the MK.

Yosef Tawil, a Haifa resident, had originally received 3,000 lirot from Shalita to install a closet and shelves in his home. The Tiberias Magistrate's Court fined Tawil \$1,000 and ordered him to pay Shalita \$10,000 as compensation.

New air rates favour British travellers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
TEL AVIV. — Travellers flying from Tel Aviv to London and back will pay over \$18,000 more than those beginning the same round trip in London. This emerged from an announcement British Airways issued here yesterday.

The announcement said that between Sunday, January 8 and March 31, Israelis flying to London and back on group fares will pay \$299, equivalent to \$33,230 at yesterday morning's exchange rate. Travellers beginning a round trip in London between January 8 and April 6 will pay \$159, equivalent to \$18,066.

The difference between the two fares is \$18,164.

Asked to explain the difference, a British Airways official said: "It has always been that way."

These fares represent price cuts designed to compete with charter companies. Yesterday's announcement said the decision to reduce fares had been agreed upon by British Airways and El Al. The new fare to London is a \$41 reduction from the previous price and is \$11 more than available charter flights. The rate from London is £20 less than previously.

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Tunisian police, army open fire on rioters

TUNIS (AP). — Troops and policemen opened fire on rioters in Tunis about midday yesterday as a crowd tried to set fire to one of the city's biggest stores. Disturbances were also reported in several other areas of the capital.

At least three people were wounded by security forces who fired pistols and automatic weapons and launched teargas grenades on the crowd who tried to storm the store.

Calm appeared to have been restored about 2 p.m. and no more shots could be heard around the area.

The renewed violence broke a precarious calm that had settled over the capital since late Tuesday. Rioting broke out in southern Tunisia on December 29 after the government announced a doubling of the price of bread and large hikes in the cost of other basic staples.

The trouble spread to Tunis on Monday.

Yesterday's shooting erupted at the entrance to the old city of Tunis, a labyrinth of narrow streets and stalls that starts at the end of the capital's main Habib Bourguiba Avenue.

Soldiers took up positions on the roofs of buildings in the old city and the neighbouring main streets.

The shooting scattered the crowd. Within minutes the normally busy city centre was nearly deserted.

Army helicopters quickly arrived at the scene with reinforcements and machine-gun vehicles took up positions around the market.

President Habib Bourguiba declared a state of emergency and a dusk-to-dawn curfew Tuesday, and after army troops moved in to back up police, calm was restored in most areas of the country.



Riot police in Cappelie aan den IJssel, Holland, point pistols at Molluccan demonstrators who were attempting to prevent authorities on Wednesday from evicting tenants from their homes for being arrear. In their rent. Some tenants reportedly owed the equivalent of \$10,000 in back rent. (UPI telephoto)

Accused killer of Sartawi now insists he is innocent

ALBUFEIRA, Portugal (AP). — A police witness testifying at the trial of an Arab of unknown nationality accused of killing Palestinian Liberation Organization moderate Issam Sartawi last year said yesterday he was "convinced" the defendant is guilty.

In testimony on the second day of the trial, Inspector Francisco Calvao said he based his conviction on the defendant's earlier confession and re-enactment of the crime committed at a hotel here last April. The defendant reversed his earlier confession and claimed Wednesday that he is not the killer.

Calvao said police investigations and the defendant's confession established his presence here last April 10, the day Sartawi was gunned down in a hotel lobby during a meeting of the Socialist International.

Calvao also noted the Moroccan Embassy in Lisbon had confirmed the defendant's Moroccan passport was a forgery. The passport identified the man as Youssef al-Awad, 26.

"Al-Awad" has admitted the passport is a fake but refuses to divulge his real identity, saying only "I'm Palestinian, I'm from Al-Fatah and Abu-Nidal."

Under questioning by the judge at the trial's opening session Wednesday, "Al-Awad" took back his confession, saying he was only a member of the hit squad sent to kill Sartawi and had acted as a decoy to aid his accomplices to escape from Portugal after the shooting.

"I was not the one who shot (Sartawi)," he told the court. But he added, "I would have done it if I had been chosen."

Witness to Aquino slaying backs down

MANILA (AP). — A Filipino reporter testified yesterday that a woman passenger who travelled with former Senator Benigno Aquino initially claimed she saw Aquino being shot but retracted her statement after a military officer talked with her.

Rector Mercene of the English-language *Times Journal* said the woman "was sobbing and shaking" while retracting her statement.

Aquino was gunned down while under military custody seconds

after he got off a plane from the U.S. on August 21 last year. The former senator's family alleges he was shot by a soldier.

Mercene, testifying before a fact-finding board, said he saw a "hysterical" woman who left the plane moments after Aquino was shot saying "I saw Aquino shot."

He said a colonel in President Ferdinand E. Marcos' security unit took her aside. After talking with the officer the woman recanted her earlier statement.

Timerman to go to Argentina tomorrow

NEW YORK (AP). — Publisher and writer Jacobo Timerman, who was stripped of his Argentine citizenship and expelled from his country by the military regime in 1979, announced Wednesday that he will return to Argentina tomorrow.

Timerman, who holds Israeli citizenship and lives alternatively in Madrid and New York, said his trip will be "just a visit and a first ap-

prouch" to the country.

In the long term, he said, "I expect compensation, along with many others, for the prejudices we suffered." He will seek "the restitution of the properties I have been deprived of."

He reportedly has signed a contract to write his impressions of Argentina to be published by several newspapers and magazines around the world.

U.S. Defence deputy quits under cloud

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer, under investigation for alleged violations of securities laws, resigned yesterday.

Thayer, former chairman of a large U.S. conglomerate, LTV Corp., is being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on allegations he gave stock tips to acquaintances while at LTV and before joining the government in December 1982.

In his resignation letter to President Ronald Reagan, which was released by the White House, Thayer said he had been informed the SEC would file civil charges. He called the allegations "entirely without merit" and said he was resigning so he could concentrate on defending himself in the courts.

Reagan said in a statement the resignation was "accepted with deep regret." It becomes effective on January 12.

LA man convicted of killing Turkish envoy

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Hampig "Harry" Sassounian was convicted on Wednesday of the bold daylight assassination of Turkish Consul-General Kemal Arikian nearly two years ago.

An eight-woman, four-man jury returned the guilty verdict against Sassounian, 20, of Pasadena, California after more than 12 days

of deliberation. Sassounian, of Armenian origin, could be sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the murder.

FAVOURITE NAMES. — Charlotte overtook Victoria as the most popular name for girls born in Britain last year, while James kept its place as the favourite for boys, the *Daily Telegraph* reported this week.

Former Nigerian ruler will remain in prison

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP). — Nigeria's new military ruler, Major-General Mohammed Buhari, yesterday said deposed President Shehu Shagari and top aides will be kept in detention until the new administration determines their guilt in the country's economic plight.

"We still believe you are innocent until proven guilty, but our technique may prove a bit more orthodox," Buhari said at his first news conference since taking control in a near bloodless coup Saturday.

Life in Nigeria's capital appeared normal yesterday, with only a half-dozen or so military roadblocks visible along the main route from the airport.

Buhari denied a report Tuesday by the semi-official news agency of Nigeria that Shagari was brought to Lagos in handcuffs.

But he said Shagari, who headed the civilian administration which took over in 1979 after 13 years of military rule, was "safe and sound in military custody." He gave no in-

dication if or when the deposed president would be brought to trial. The military regime banned all political parties Saturday and gave top civilian politicians, including deposed governors of Nigeria's 19 states, one week to report to the police.

The *Guardian*, a Lagos daily newspaper, reported yesterday that the chairman of Shagari's National Party of Nigeria, Abisa Akinloyi, had slipped through the supposedly sealed western border to neighbouring Benin.

At his news conference, Buhari dodged pointed questions from Nigerian reporters on how his administration planned to salvage this oil-producing nation's strapped economy.

Asked about a timetable for return to civilian rule, Buhari said "We haven't discussed it yet."

The military government has pledged Nigeria will remain a member of OPEC and reportedly has promised not to upset the cartel by cutting oil prices and boosting production.

French auto factory closes as workers stage pitched battle

PARIS (Reuters). — Officials at Peugeot's strike-bound Talbot car plant yesterday abandoned attempts to restart production and announced they were shutting the factory after 55 persons were injured in fresh violence among workers.

About 1,500 riot police were called in to the Poissy plant west of Paris following clashes between a few hundred strikers and a majority of the 17,000 employees who want to resume work.

For the second consecutive day, the two sides hurled car wings and bolts at each other. Eleven persons had to be treated in hospital and at least three were detained there, Talbot said.

The helmeted police, summoned both by the management and the Socialist-leaning CFDT trade union, formed a strong barrier between the strikers, barricaded into the final assembly workshop, and the non-strikers massed outside.

Management had tried for three days to restart production, halted since December 9 by the strike over job cuts. But in a statement yester-

day it said the factory could not be reopened unless those responsible for the violence were expelled for good.

During the fighting, which erupted in the workshop early yesterday morning, workers tore bits of metal from the cars to use as weapons or shields, eyewitnesses said.

Some threw whole lumps of car body down from upper gangways while about 10 men in ordinary clothes used a home-made sling. A man in blue overalls shouted to journalists: "One of our blokes has been stabbed in the stomach with a knife."

Talbot officials said the wounded had a wide variety of injuries caused by all kinds of projectiles.

Later the strikers, many of them immigrant workers, placed shells of cars from the assembly line round the outside of the workshop to barricade themselves from the mainly white-militant non-strikers gathered in the forecourt, the witnesses said.

"If we can avoid physical contact, it would be better," one of those inside said.

W. German NATO deputy suspended

BONN, West Germany (AP). — Federal German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner has suspended from duty Lieutenant General Guenter Kiessling, the German deputy of Gen. Bernard Rogers, U.S. Supreme Commander of NATO, a spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman declined to name reasons for Woerner's unexpected decision to suspend the 58-year-old Kiessling from his duties at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

But there were reports of conflict between Kiessling and Rogers, and military sources said Kiessling had requested early retirement. He was assigned to the NATO job in April 1982. His regular term was to run until 1985.

Military sources declining to be named said he had asked Woerner to be retired next April 1. The sources said Woerner decided to retire him on December 31 after an argument.

War memories haunt Vietnam veterans

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP). — One of three Vietnam war veterans accused of setting a Buddhist shrine ablaze New Year's Eve "cried for seven years," after returning from the war and once pointed a gun at his former wife, thinking she was Vietnamese, the woman said.

The veteran, Roland Voudren, 33, was returned to a Veterans Administration hospital in Leeds yesterday, along with the two other men, Richard Papineau, 35, and Donald Taylor, 37.

Pleas of innocent to "wilful and malicious burning of a building" were entered Wednesday in Greenfield District Court on behalf of all three by attorney Robert Carlson, head of the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America.

Judge Allan McGuane set \$10,000 bond apiece before ordering the men to remain at the hospital pending a pre-trial conference January 27. The three had entered the hospital voluntarily for undisclosed treatment prior to their arrests at the facility Wednesday.

District Attorney W. Michael Ryan said one of the men happened upon the shrine in the isolated town of Hawley in the Berkshire Hills sometime before the fire, was shocked to see the oriental architecture, and planned the fire.

Voudren's former wife described the ex-Marine as haunted by nightmarish memories of Vietnam.

Scientific study shows why yogurt is good for older people

BOSTON (AP). — Yogurt has been a favourite dairy food in the Middle East for centuries, and scientists now say they know why: the creamy, sour food contains an enzyme that makes it easier to digest than milk for millions of adults. And the people of the Middle East are among those who lack the necessary natural enzyme.

This means the snack could serve as a good source of protein for people everywhere, because it does not cause the intestinal discomfort often associated with milk, the researchers said yesterday. The finding "substantiates a feeling people have that somehow

yogurt is good for you," said Dr. Joseph Kolars, who directed the study.

Dairy foods are cheap and easy to store when dried, but their usefulness as a protein source is limited because about three quarters of the world's adults cannot tolerate milk, Kolars said. That is because, as people age, they stop producing a digestive enzyme called lactase, which is necessary to break down milk sugar in the intestine so that it is absorbed. People deficient in lactase suffer gas, diarrhea, bloating and cramps.

But yogurt, because it contains

the lactase enzyme, literally digests itself, according to the researchers' report in yesterday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Most of the Third World population suffers from lactase deficiency, while people of North European descent are one of the few populations that can digest milk.

"Yogurt is an interesting biological system, because it seems to have evolved in those parts of the world where lactase deficiency is most common," Kolars said. "So those people who didn't have the enzyme were able to ingest it with their yogurt."

Sports

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Betar reckon they'll be singing 'home sweet home' come 4 p.m. tomorrow

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After yet another of the Football Association's needless breaks in league football, First and Second Division matches return to stadiums around the country tomorrow afternoon with the major focus of attention undoubtedly the debut of their beloved Betar at the YMCA ground this season.

The Betar footballers will take the field with a rare gift in view for their ever faithful followers — the league championship. This is all the more remarkable as for the first 12 games of the season Betar Jerusalem played under the cloud of a disciplinary punishment that prevented their appearing anywhere within 50 kilometres of the capital.

Uri Malmilian, Danny Neuman, Eli Ohana, Shlomo Kirat and their able colleagues will be given a big hand, which will reach a crescendo if they do the expected — beat visiting Bnei Yehuda decisively. Although the Tel Aviv visitors currently prop up the National League, Betar will do well not to understate their guests, who fully deserved their 2-2 draw a fortnight ago against Hapoel Tel Aviv. Luis Chama a newcomer from the Argentine showed top form in that match, and Hillel Kaplan (transferred from Maccabi Haifa) is a striker who will need close marking. For my money, however, Betar look a dead cert to retain their league leadership.

Their closest rivals, Hapoel Tel Aviv who have the same amount of points and only a slightly inferior goal average, look to have a much tougher game. They are engaged in a derby against Shimshon, at the Bloomfield Stadium, and it will not have escaped the attention of coach Zvi Rosen that the Yeminite Quarter team beat Betar Tel Aviv 2-0 in convincing fashion in their last outing. Whilst Hapoel might just have the edge if their class players, like Moshe Sinai, Rifat Turk and Gil Landau find top form, a splitting of points would come as no surprise.

Another Tel Aviv derby features Betar against Maccabi. The teams are level on 19 points, respectively holding third and fourth positions — but, notably, a distant seven points off the leaders. The young Maccabi side, however, have been improving astringes of late, scoring a menacing 4-1 win over Hakoah in their last outing. With Vicky Peretz spearheading the attack and the talented Motti Iwanir in midfield command, Maccabi are putting things together again.

For a team that gained promotion to the first division only this season, Amatzia Lefkowitz's men at Betar have done extremely well, so that while Maccabi look the stronger pack on paper, Betar could hold onto a draw.

The other National League games (with all kick-offs at 3 p.m.) are: Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Tel Aviv; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Ramat Gan; Hapoel Ramat Gan v. Hapoel Be'er Sheva.

Galling defeat in Sweden

Post Sports Staff

Israel's national basketball team wound up the invitation tournament in Sweden with two dismal and disconcerting defeats as Yugoslavia took the four-nation event with a perfect record.

Late on Wednesday in the encounter with Greece the make-shift Israeli combination did just about everything wrong with only Doron Jamchee and Chaim Zlotikman keeping the squad's pride intact and they duly sustained a 116-89 drubbing. If the Greek coach hadn't eased up in the final quarter, Israel might well have gone down by 50 points, Jamchee slotted home 32 points and Zlotikman 19.

Last night playing perhaps their best game of the tournament but still without any convincing performances by the tall men either on defence or offence, Israel went down 78-72 to Yugoslavia. At least, however, on this occasion the Israelis fought gamely until the final buzzer. Having trailed 37-34 at the turnabout they came within two points of the Yugoslavs with three minutes left. Zlotikman again had a good game, scoring a team high 20 but Jamchee after scoring 12 in the first half fell away and managed a tally of only 16.

The little consolation that coach

Arye Maliniak can draw from the dismal performance in Stockholm is that he did not have anything like the full complement of talent at his disposal. The Maccabi Tel Aviv stars were absent while the fact that the Hapoel Ramat Gan players joined the team only after first playing for their club in Holland means that even the makeshift unit did not have an opportunity to gell.

In the National Basketball Association, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, sidelined with a finger injury for over a month, came off the bench on Wednesday night to play a big role in the Los Angeles Lakers' 106-99 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. The do-everything guard, sorely missed by the Lakers in their Pacific Division battle with the Portland Trail Blazers, scored 11 of his team-high 23 points in the fourth quarter to help Los Angeles end a two-game losing string.

In Boston, Larry Bird led the Celtics to a 123-point lead then lost off a Washington comeback and Boston beat the Bullets 113-106. Bird, led to two points in the first half and three in the final quarter, topped Boston with 23 points. The Celtics averaging a 100-93 loss at home to Washington on Dec. 16 while posting their first straight victory, seventh in the last eight games and 17th in the last 20.

In other NBA action, New Jersey stopped Atlanta 91-88; Indiana dumped Chicago 102-89; Detroit wrecked Phoenix 128-114; Dallas edged Seattle 105-102. San Diego edged Kansas City 122-121, and Utah downed Houston 116-111.

Chappell says farewell in style

SYDNEY (AP). — The fifth and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia turned into a benefit for Greg Chappell here yesterday, Chappell scoring an epic 182 runs and setting a world catching record.

The former Aussie captain, playing in his final Test, (after announcing his resignation, at the age of 35, as the Test got under way) set the seal on one of the great careers of the modern era and virtually wrapped up the series against the hapless Pakistanis.

At stumps on the fourth day Pakistan were 47-1 in their second innings — still 129 runs in arrears with one day remaining.

With Chappell's magnificent contribution Australia were able to declare their first innings at 454 for 6. This gave the Australians a first innings lead of 176 runs, sufficient to ensure that Pakistan had almost no hope of winning to level the

series at 1-1.

Chappell failed by only 18 runs to score a double century. His historic innings came in a chase after almost nine hours at the crease when he was trapped LBW to Madsen.

Chappell's comment "Performance means he bows out of the game in the way he wants to be in — with a century in his first Test 16 years ago."

But Chappell, who is retiring along with veteran paceman Dennis Lillee after this match, soon made up for his disappointment. Only minutes after he and Lillee walked back on to the ground through a guard of honour formed by their team-mates, Chappell set a world record with his 121st Test catch. The Pakistanis had made only five runs in their second innings before Chappell caught opener Mohsin Khan at second slip.

The West Indians began their Australian tour with a surprise defeat in a one-day match against Queensland. The tourists could manage only 205 from 49 overs (Lloyd 73 not out; while Queensland hit up 204 for the loss of four wickets in 48.3 overs.

Swedish ups and downs

LONDON (AP). — Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson, Sweden's Davis Cup tennis stars bounced back from an opening match defeat to upset defending champions, Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland

and Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, 6-2 (0-7), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the WCT World Doubles Championships here yesterday.

The young Swedes battled back from behind twice and their victory followed two straight set defeats — including the one against Australia in the David Cup final at Melbourne. Gunthardt and Taroczy had won the title in the Royal Albert Hall tournament for the last two years and had racked up 11 straight victories.

The Swedes had played out of doors in Australia for six weeks before coming to London, and had to adjust themselves to the indoor court. "We have not done too well lately," Jarryd admitted. "We lost easily on the Davis Cup final, and again in straight sets to Fitz Bucking and Peter Fleming, on Wednesday night."

Fleming and Bucking are the No. 2 seeds and they sailed through their opening match in the \$200,000 event with a crushing victory over the Swedish duo 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Mark Edmondson and Sherwood Stewart beat Colin Dowdell and John Farrow 6-1, 7-6, 6-3. The tournament is being played in a round-robin format.

Jack Leon adds:

Israelis Guy Eyal and Doron Gertl reached the boys' under-12 singles quarter-finals at the international junior championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Eyal advanced with straight-set victories over opponents from Argentina and the U.S., while Gertl likewise did not concede a set in his best American and Puerto Rican players.

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1. New Hampshire voters will be able to cast their ballots for Presidential candidates on February 28, when they choose 22 of 3,331 delegates to the Democratic National Convention and 22 of 1,993 Republican delegates.

2. New Hampshire voters will find that the primary ballot, used first in the 1980 primaries, has been streamlined. Gone is the long list of delegates, pledged and unpledged, which made tallying of the results difficult. The change leaves voters the task of simply pushing a lever or marking their ballots for the candidates of their choice. The delegates will be chosen by the candidates afterwards.

3. All citizens who maintain a legal residence in New Hampshire, and citizens now living overseas whose last U.S. residence was in New Hampshire, may vote in the Feb. 28 primary.

4. Overseas voters claiming their rights under the overseas citizens voting rights act must register by using the State "Federal Overseas Voters Registration" application. It should be mentioned in the request for the form that the application is for the state form for a Federal Overseas voter.

5. Other residents of New Hampshire who cannot register in person must use the voter registration card and the absentee voter registration affidavit to register absentee. This form may be requested by mailing to the town or city clerk an FPCA or by providing him with the same information in a letter.

6. Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters approximately 25 days before the election.

7. Ballots should be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the American Embassy, 71 Haykaron Street, Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nabulus Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

VACANT HOUSE SEAT ON BALLOTS IN WISCONSIN PRIMARY

1. Wisconsin will hold a Federal Primary election, in conjunction with its state and local primary elections, on Feb. 21, to fill the vacant seat left vacant by the death of Democratic Congressman Clement J. Zablocki.

2. Ballots in the 4th Congressional District will now include the names of candidates seeking to fill the vacant house seat. A general election for this congressional office will be held on April 3.

3. Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District comprises parts of Milwaukee and Waukegan counties.

4. The Primary on Feb. 21 will also list candidates for various judicial offices and one assembly seat in Wisconsin's 9th District. Military electors, as defined in Wisconsin's law, are not required to register in order to vote. This category includes members of the merchant marine, civilian employees of the United States, and spouses and dependents of the above who are residing with or accompanying them outside the United States.

5. Registration may be cancelled if a person fails to vote over a two-year period.

6. Because the Feb. 21 Wisconsin primary is now listed as a Federal election, due to the vacant U.S. House of Representatives seat, overseas citizens from the 4th Wisconsin Congressional District, not covered by any of the above categories of voters and not now now overseas, may register and vote in this election, if they last resided in Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District before departing the U.S., and are absentee voters.

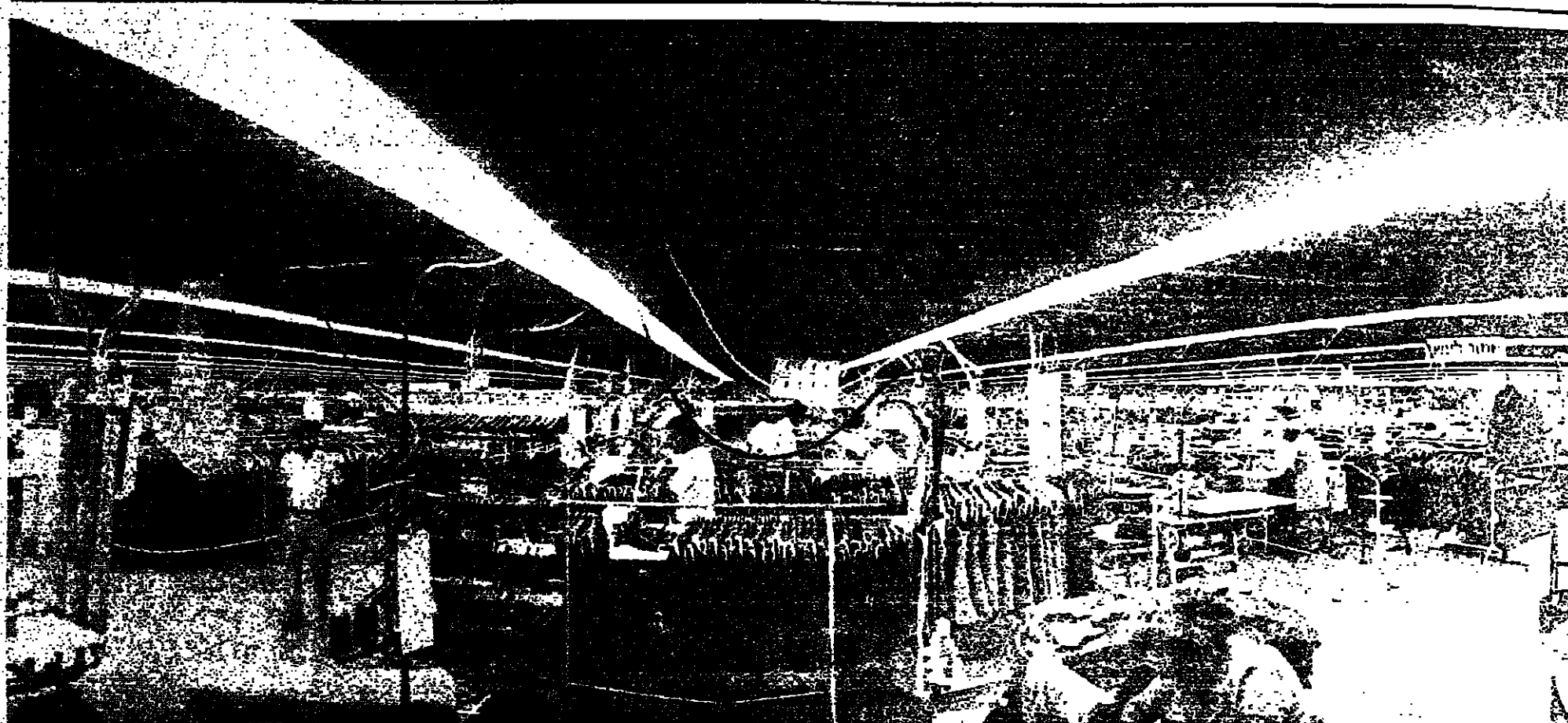
7. All other persons must use the voter registration form, which may be requested in writing from the city, town or village clerk of the place of voting residence (City Board of Election Commissioners in Milwaukee). The voter registration form must be returned not later than the second Wednesday before the election.

8. Ballots should be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the American Embassy, 71 Haykaron Street, Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nabulus Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

9. Wisconsin voters are urged to register to vote early and, when the ballots are received, to mark and mail them as quickly as possible.

Waiting for a second miracle

The Jerusalem Post's Liora Moriel detects a sense of fear among workers in Kiryat Gat.



Production lines at Bagir, a part of Polgat Enterprises, which employs half of Kiryat Gat's work force.

KIRYAT GAT in the northern Negev has just won a prize from the Council for a Beautiful Israel for the aesthetic development of its industrial park. But behind the widened roads is the invisible threat of a contracting economy.

A giant among the country's development towns, Kiryat Gat is so successful that it no longer gets preferred status.

Unlike some towns hastily put up in the desert in the early Fifties, it was planned to be the service centre of the nascent farming communities in the Lachish region. But even the man who planned the region, Arye (Eliav) Eliav, never envisaged that its work force alone would outstrip the planned population peak. Kiryat Gat has 9,000 in its work force, 28,000 inhabitants — a third of them under 18 — and serves 40,000 people during the week.

Every day hundreds of workers come there from Ashkelon and Hebron, as well as from the Beduin town of Rahat. The region's farmers come to the banks, library, open-air market and specialist health clinics. Seven government ministries have offices in Kiryat Gat; there is an arts centre and a music conservatory for children. The town has two cinemas and a cultural centre with a new 700-seat concert and theatre hall in which it is a pleasure to perform and to watch.

THE CULTURAL centre, Beit Edith, is a gift from the town's leading industrialist, Israel Pollak, chairman of Polgat Enterprises. Pollak's five factories employ half the workers of Kiryat Gat.

One can imagine then the wave of repudiation that followed recent rumours that Polgat, Bagir, Lady Bagir, Uman and Ligat would soon be firing a hundred workers. There are no plans to fire production workers, Israel Pollak told me in a telephone conversation early this week. "Every plant today has to cut down on its services. We will trim the deadweights, as well as some clerical and cleaning workers." This would affect a few dozen workers, not 100, he said.

At Iskor, the steel plant, the new Isgan annex, which was opened a year ago with much optimism, no longer absorbs new workers in its production of garden tools from steel scraps. It is another victim of the general economic situation. Workers who leave are not replaced, so the plant is in fact slowly shrinking.

There is a "wait and see" feeling in the air. Everyone seems to have an eye on national trends. At the municipality, while no services have yet been cut and no one fired, "the future is cloudy, as it is everywhere in the country," says spokeswoman Ariela Lev-Ari. "There may be a reorganization, but workers will not

be fired." The spokeswoman notes that the town had always restrained its spending: in the past six years, ever since MK David Magen (Likud) was voted mayor (he had previously been appointed the head of an interim council), no official delegation has gone overseas. Instead, delegations from the twin city of Buffalo, New York, come to visit. "We have no deficit, because we are cautious."

The municipality can boast that for the past dozen years, there has been a steady increase in the percentage of *amona* (municipal property tax), payers; now well over 90 per cent of those who should pay do.

It is cheaper to live in Kiryat Gat than in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem or Beersheba, because many activities are heavily subsidized. Thus, music lessons and art classes are nearly free, as well as a myriad other activities. Clothes can be bought cheaply at the Polgat outlet, and farmers bring fresh produce to market twice a week, which is sold

at Carmel Market prices. Some cultural programmes such as plays and concerts are cheaper than in Tel Aviv.

THE TOWN prides itself on its educational institutions. Children from 14 nearby communities come to Kiryat Gat to join its own children from elementary school to high school. Some 75 per cent of the teachers are from the town, and 90 per cent from the region. This means that the children get the benefit of experienced teachers, unlike those in smaller development towns who must rely heavily on well-meaning soldiers, who are not properly trained for the job and, at any rate, never stay for more than two years.

Self-reliance is stressed in Kiryat Gat, and many activities are organized on the neighbourhood level with no municipal help or budget. There is also an attempt to reach "high school drop-outs" who have not joined the labour force. The town has many day care

centres (Pollak set up the first at work centre in his Ligat plant ten years ago), and 40 per cent of the women work. Nearly all of them are employed by local industry. Apart from Polgat Enterprises and Iskor, there are six other large factories, as well as more than 100 workshops (carpentry, auto repair, printing, etc.).

But many jobs involve unskilled work, which is often monotonous and pays poorly — not for those who seek a challenge as well as a good salary. Like other development towns, Kiryat Gat finds that it cannot meet the demands of the young, aggressive and upwardly mobile.

"We are proud that 500 of our young people are enrolled in institutions of higher learning," says Lev-Ari. "But we have no proper employment opportunities for them."

down absorption centre is already full, with many families living there well beyond the six months stipulated, because there is no government housing in the town. (MK Rafi Edri has just revealed that only three buildings are currently under construction in the Negev!)

"There was an attempt to bring British olim there, but nobody is referred there any more because of lack of space," says Sarah Nygate, director of the Beersheba office of the British Olim Society. "It is quite frustrating to stay in a dilapidated absorption centre that is bad enough as an interim camp but very problematic for longer stays."

Nygate says olim who were interested in Kiryat Gat could not afford to pay for housing on the private market even with all the incentives for olim, and the only jobs open were unskilled factory work. Four months ago, she said, they were being offered IS64 an hour. "How can you possibly survive on a wage like that?" Though she believes that new immigrants should

start at the bottom and work their way up, as they integrate and learn the language, she saw the situation in Kiryat Gat as "ridiculous."

Most people except for Pollak seem to share this view. Pollak says he has difficulty in attracting workers because "Jews don't like shift work." So he hires Arab labour. "We are always absorbing production workers. There is no doubt that there is a drop in local sales, but we are trying to expand our exports."

MAHLUF COHEN is a veteran immigrant. He has lived in Kiryat Gat since 1961. In 1965, he opened a restaurant, which he later converted into a grocery store, then to a spice shop. And now the store is for sale, or for rent. Whichever comes first.

"I have seven children, all of them grown up. They all live outside town, because there's no work here," he himself will now be looking for a job in Kiryat Gat — as a salaried employee.

Mahluf sadly points to a wizened old man who has entered his empty-

ing shop. "Hagai Cohen, biblical name. He is a pensioner. How much do you get? Twelve thousand shekels? Hardly enough to buy rope and hang himself. He used to work in the orchards. He has a wife and six children still at home, two of them soldiers. Thirty years in town and what does he have to show for it?"

The disgruntled shopowner is rich in ideas: "Government subsidies must be abolished, right now. It will hurt once, and that's all."

"We are subsidizing all the Arabs. It's a disaster. They come here from Gaza and buy truckloads of bread. Israeli companies sell what they say are old stock to Arabs at a quarter of the price, and then these Arabs come to the market and sell them cheaply back to us."

"But the military budget must not be cut. Nor should free high school education be stopped, because that's going to create criminals and we will have to pay dearly to keep them in prisons."

He would do away with the National Insurance Institute and in place of child allowances, would give the money directly to the schools. "Children should get a longer school day with a hot meal, books and shoes and uniforms. This will mean that many Arabs whose children leave school early to become shepherds won't get money. On the other hand, it will encourage Arabs to keep their children in school and this is good, because an educated Arab is a better Arab and we can talk to him, and things will be better."

There is a resentment of Arab workers in Kiryat Gat, even though nobody is willing to take over their jobs.

AN INDEPENDENT carpenter says he would never become a salaried worker. "If you need more money to give your children what you had promised yourself you would in terms of a certain standard of education, then you wake up at night and go into the shop and work an extra three hours."

He admits that it is hard now to make a good living. Times are not what they were. To make his point, he picks up a jar of plastic pegs.

"You see these? The old ones are hard and reliable, but the new ones they sell me now are often softer and sometimes break when I drive a nail through. This is what there is, and the carpenter has to pass the bad stuff on to his customers."

The tractors are still at work on the beautification of the town's industrial park. Train tracks were laid to it last July, to link it up with Ashdod's port. There is still hope that some miracle will avert the worst of hard times, and since Kiryat Gat itself is a sort of modern miracle, it is hard to fault them for that.

A MEDIA COUP

By WOLF BLITZER/Post Washington Correspondent



Jesse Jackson. (Millman)

It was a great media coup — something Jackson and other politicians are always seeking. Still, no one in Washington now believes Jackson really has a serious chance of actually capturing the Democratic presidential nomination. His involvement in winning Goodman's release has certainly boosted his name recognition among the American public, but his chances of winning the top slot on the ticket are still extremely remote.

By any standard, he is considered much too extreme on a whole host of domestic and foreign policy issues for the mainstream of the party.

At the same time, Jackson's influence in the party has already increased as a result of his Damascus adventure. He is probably the most powerful black leader in the country today. He has demonstrated that he has clout. There is the impression that he was able to achieve what Reagan and the State Department could not.

Going into the party convention in San Francisco this summer, Jackson and his supporters will probably have more of a say in

Almost overnight, they won friends in the U.S. — as underlined during Jouejati's warm reception at the black church.

The Syrians also increased the pressure on the administration to get the Marines out of Lebanon. That pressure has been mounting for weeks. It reached a new level after the release of the Pentagon's critical study of the October bombing of Marine headquarters in Beirut. Numerous Democratic and Republican members of Congress are now openly calling for the immediate withdrawal of all troops from the Lebanese "quagmire."

Reagan, clearly on the defensive, is appealing for patience. He continues to maintain on an almost daily basis that progress is being made in easing the tensions in Lebanon. Special U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld returned to the region this week with some fresh ideas.

U.S. officials recognize the dangers involved in a hasty retreat by the Marines. The other members of the multinational peacekeeping force, already reducing their own numbers of troops in Lebanon,

would almost certainly leave as well.

A post-Begin/Sharon Israel, the Americans say, is also disheartened by its own Lebanese experience and is not prepared to return to the outskirts of Beirut to fill the U.S. vacuum.

That means, according to U.S. officials, that the Syrians and their Lebanese proxies would re-emerge as the major power in Lebanon — as they were until Israel moved in during the summer of 1982. Israel would continue to control its section of Southern Lebanon, but the Syrians would be the boss throughout the rest of the country.

THOSE LEBANESE leaders — Christians as well as Muslims — who cooperated with Israel and the U.S. could be expected to pay a heavy price for the American withdrawal.

"There could be a bloodbath," one U.S. official cautioned. He recalled the post-U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

But the question today in Washington is not whether the Marines will leave but when. U.S. lawmakers want to cut America's losses and run. There is no way Reagan can maintain the troops there under the present domestic political circumstances. Everyone in Washington recognizes this.

Even within the administration, the chorus advocating an immediate pull-out is getting stronger, es-

pecially at the Pentagon, where support for sending the Marines in was never very strong to begin with.

So it looks like Syria is going to get its way. Assad must feel very cocky right now, reading the glowing reports his ambassador in Washington is most certainly sending him. His decision to free Goodman should be seen from this perspective.

That Reagan wrote to him quickly after Goodman's departure from Damascus was but further evidence that an increasingly frustrated administration was groping for some reasonably honourable way out.

The following day, Reagan went one step further, agreeing that he would even meet with Assad if that would promote the cause of peace.

The Syrians are patient. They are willing to lay low temporarily in order to permit a relatively graceful U.S. exit. But no one should be under any illusions: they will pounce decisively at the right moment to achieve their longstanding strategic aims in Lebanon.

Lebanon's ambassador in Washington, Abdullah Buhabib, has suggested that his government may be on the verge of achieving a new agreement. Lebanese Army units would move from Beirut to the Awali River. He also raised the possibility of genuine national reconciliation if only the Americans remain patient.

But his hopes seem overly optimistic.

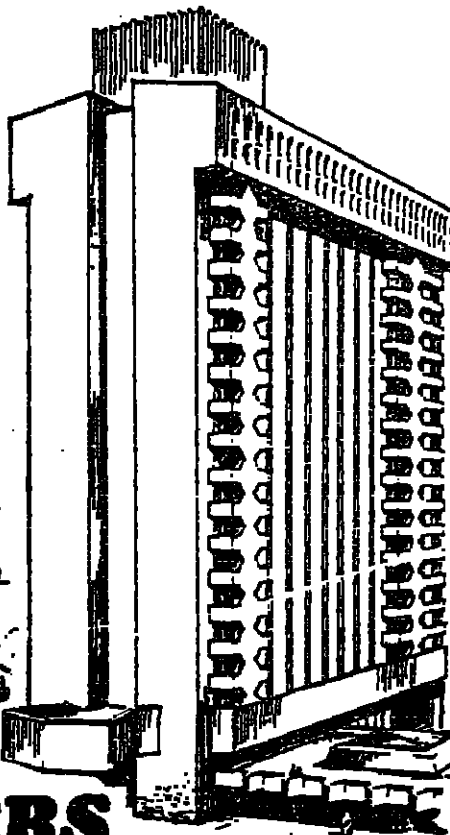
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An urgent need to redeploy

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IF ISRAELI military planners could see any light at the end of the Lebanese tunnel, they would not now be discussing options for staying there. The current Israeli deployment in Lebanon is fraught with problems. A relatively small number of Israeli soldiers are dispersed in an area of 2,800 sq. km., and a sea of 520,000 inhabitants, only 65,000 of whom are Christians, compared with 95,000 Palestinians, 270,000 Shi'ites, 60,000 Sunni Moslems and 30,000 Druze.

Israeli forces are stationed along a 115-km. line, stretching inland from the Mediterranean coast, faced by regular Syrian forces in the north-east and the possibility of terrorist infiltration along the entire front. Israel's maritime border in Lebanon is 62 km., the heavy population concentrations along the coast being interspersed with orchards.

Israeli forces are, therefore, faced with a multiple threat. The population under Israeli control are either ambivalent about, or hostile to, the IDF's continued presence there. They resent the roadblocks, the curfews, the administrative arrests and other trappings that come with the army trying to keep down its casualties in Southern Lebanon, and are open to pressure to cooperate with terrorist groups from the north.

In 1983, 73 Israelis were killed and 261 injured in some 500 attacks against IDF positions in Southern Lebanon. Grenades were thrown in marketplaces, and suicide trucks toppled buildings. Armoured personnel vehicles were not impervious either to mines or to anti-tank

rockets, fired from mountaintops at vehicles travelling in convoy along winding roads in the gullies below.

Southern Lebanon is bristling with arms. Huge caches remain from the days of PLO domination of the area, and the IDF has found it impossible to plug all the holes through which both ordnance and personnel are brought in from the north. It is impossible to check every one of the 10,000-15,000 vehicles that cross the bridges over the Awali each day, to ensure that dashboards are not made out of TNT, that engine-blocks do not have double walls filled with dynamite, or that spare tyres are not filled with explosives. It is impossible to hermetically seal the entire 115km. land border or the 62km. maritime border against terrorist infiltration, just as it was impossible to seal Israel's northern border, even with the advantages of Major Sa'ad Haddad's cooperation and an electronic fence.

IRONICALLY, the main danger facing Israel in Lebanon is one which the IDF is least capable of dealing with efficiently. The Syrians, despite the 50,000 men and 1,200 tanks they have in Lebanon, are no real threat at all, since it is unlikely that they want a war right now, and certainly not a war that would set back the Syrian military build-up, still in its formative stages, by a decade. The Syrians probably

believe the message that has been conveyed in clear terms several times: should war break out with Syria, Israel will not make the same mistake it did in June 1982 and stop short of dealing a death blow to the country it considers the greatest current menace in the region.

The worst danger facing Israel in Lebanon is at the local level: terrorism. And Israel's options for fighting it are extremely limited. Almost every possible conventional tactic is already in use by the IDF. Non-essential personnel have been moved out of the major trouble spots in order to limit the number of targets, and crack infantry troops have been sent in to try to provide an effective response to local acts of terror.

Contacts with the Shi'ite leadership have been intensified, as have pre-emptive measures against potential troublemakers. Israeli air strikes have been launched with increased intensity against terrorist targets in both the Bekaa and the Shouf and this Wednesday in Baalbek, and the bridges over the Awali have been closed sporadically.

None of these measures has eradicated terrorist attacks against Israeli objectives, however, and there is not a man in uniform who

believes that these measures in themselves will be enough to provide a reasonable measure of security for the IDF forces still forced to remain in Lebanon.

There are also very few in uniform who believe that any solution allowing the IDF to withdraw from Lebanon can realistically be expected to present itself in the coming months. Last year's May 17 agreement, it has long been apparent to all, has become yet another document for the filing cabinet; and there is no hope at all that the Lebanese Army will be able to extend the authority of the government of the duchy of Beirut to the South as well.

GIVEN THE lack of hope of a solution to the problems of Lebanon, pressures have been building up for some months within the Israeli military establishment to limit the overall presence in that country to the minimum necessary to protect our northern border. Given that the maximum range of the array of the Katyusha rockets and artillery pieces in terrorist arsenals at present is under 30 km., they can see no reason for holding on to a line over 60 km. from the border. If the IDF were to redeploy along the Zaharani River and pull back from Jebel

Barukh (whose contribution to Israel's intelligence-gathering capability has been grossly overrated) and the Bekaa, it would not only be cutting down the area under its control, and the length of the confrontation border; it would also remove over two-thirds of the population currently under Israel's control. The overall population between the Zaharani and Israel's northern border being 150,000. The move would also increase the proportion of pro-Israeli locals — most of whom are in the Christian-controlled area south of the Litani — and, with the pullback from Sidon and the surrounding area, remove from Israeli control a considerable number of the 95,000 Palestinians living in Lebanon.

The redeployment would enhance the IDF's efforts to build up a credible local militia, like the one under Haddad's command, which could gradually take over the day-to-day policing of the area, as well as provide an intelligence conduit for terrorist movements in the region, allowing the IDF to reduce its own numbers in Lebanon. This in turn would lessen Israeli casualties, allow for a faster rotation of units between training schedules and active duty, and limit the need to call up reservists.

From the IDF's point of view there is little to be gained from remaining along the Awali, or even in the Bekaa, though one should not disregard the strategic advantages of controlling the back road to Damascus.

FROM THE government's point of view, however, the situation is very different. Prime Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Arens know that the Americans are adamantly opposed to any further unilateral Israeli withdrawal that could leave the U.S. with a larger baby to hold than the one they have now.

On their visit to Washington at the end of November, Shamir and Arens were told by Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the U.S. was opposed to any such move. They also know this to be the position of National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, and probably President Reagan himself. In election year, the president will be looking desperately for a way to limit America's role in Lebanon, and not increase it.

The Americans were livid (especially McFarlane, who had replaced Philip Habib as chief negotiator) when Israel unilaterally pulled back from the Shouf last September, a move they regarded as causing the renewed wave of violence that has engulfed Lebanon ever since and setting back American plans for conciliation in that country.

The only ray of light in the otherwise bleak picture is the developing accord that may be reached between the warring factions in Beirut in the coming days.

In the meantime, one can expect to see more Israeli punitive raids launched against terrorist bases in the north; more crack Israeli troops assigned to pacifying restive local populations in Lebanon instead of training to fight this country's real enemies; more restrictions on the freedom of movement between North and South Lebanon; more curfews and new waves of preventive arrests by the security forces of potential trouble-makers.

One can only hope that by the time we and the Americans do eventually redeploy or pull out, Southern Lebanon will not have become Israel's North Bank.

Basically, and one supposes correctly, the Americans do not want Israel to make any moves in Lebanon that would leave a *status quo* in the north, while making a protracted stay for Israel in the south as comfortable as possible.

Israel's political sensitivity to America's position in Lebanon is perhaps the major factor preventing yet another unilateral withdrawal at this point in time. And given Israel's increased dependence on America in terms both of strategic cooperation and economic aid, it seems highly unlikely that the withdrawal to the Zaharani will come about as long as the Marines are deployed in Beirut.

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Preying on the weak and poor

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

WHEN YOU GET right down to it, we are all "on welfare" to one degree or another. There is hardly any social service provided in this country, from appendectomies to occasional household help for the elderly, that is not in some way subsidized by the public purse.

This logic is now being taken further by the Treasury, which says in effect that since the entire economy must cut back and trim down, all sectors, including "welfare," must bear some of the burden. The Treasury backs up this argument, which it has been pushing since the first talk of budget cuts last summer, with the conclusions of an objective study of welfare expenditures in Israel during the 1970s.

This study, prepared by the Centre for Social Policy Studies, headed by Dr. Israel Katz, found that welfare outlays had grown considerably in those years. That is, at any rate, the point that the Treasury has been using to browbeat the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs for the last several months to force it to agree to cuts in this and next year's budget.

Yet what kind of welfare are they talking about? That is, what kind of services and for whom?

Are they referring to the highly subsidized tuition fees for university students? To subsidized government mortgages for young couples or the land for settlements in the administered territories that is virtually being given away? Or are they talking about rehabilitation for the handicapped or a haven in a foster home for a child who is neglected or ill-treated by his parents?

All of these things are welfare in the broad sense, i.e., goods or services provided by the state or some public agency at less than their cost or market value. The centre's report dealt with welfare in this sense and included health, education, housing, etc.

Yet in its argument for cuts in the welfare budget, meaning the services provided by the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, the

Treasury is deliberately obscuring some crucial distinctions. It matters very much whether we are referring to cut-backs in old age homes or to reducing the subsidy for higher education.

This point was made in a general fashion in the introduction to the report, which the Treasury seems to have overlooked: "An increase in welfare expenditures does not necessarily indicate an improvement in the condition of the weaker strata of society, and the impact of social programmes is in the final analysis not necessarily egalitarian."

The Treasury also seems to have overlooked an important qualification to the report's conclusions: that the growth in social services occurred mainly between 1970 and 1976. Since 1977, they have either declined or stagnated.

IN A RESPONSE to the Treasury's arguments prepared by the ministry, it is noted that the general decline in social service outlays since 1977 has hit the ministry programmes proportionately harder than others. Most of these are designed to help the aged, the retarded and the handicapped, and children from problem families — in short, those elements least able to fend for themselves or to meet their basic needs by obtaining services on the market. This is welfare in its narrow sense.

There are now about 20,000 people in these groups in institutions run or subsidized by the ministry, and another 50,000 served in clubs, courses and day-care frameworks within the community. The ministry also runs programmes for several thousand teenagers on the brink of lawlessness, and operates a vocational-school network serving 40,000 pupils, most of whom were not able to keep up with the de-

mands of the schools run by the Education Ministry.

The ministry figures show that between 1977 and 1983 there was a drop in the number of young people in boarding schools, day-care centres, and homes for the retarded and for juvenile delinquents. Services for the aged, however, expanded during this time, although the amount of money spent on each person declined. In all of these services, needs still outrun the available facilities and professional manpower.

AN ARGUMENT often heard in support of cuts in the welfare services provided by the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry is that in a period of slow or stagnant economic growth, the economy cannot afford to carry the extra burden. Coming from a Likud government that for nearly three years encouraged a private spending spree of unheard-of dimensions, this claim is both mean-spirited and dishonest.

Does it mean that slum children

neglected by their parents and infirm, elderly people should now pay the price for the artificially high standard of living enjoyed during the last few years mainly by the middle- and upper-income groups?

Even if things now are a bit tougher for those who used cheap foreign currency to buy trips abroad and fancy electronic gadgets, is this any justification for cracking down on vocational training for the handicapped and for wayward youth?

In addition to these principles of "social justice" befitting Sodom and Gomorra, there is also a political reason for the Treasury's pressure on the ministry to cut back. In a coalition government, the burden must appear to be spread evenly, even if it is not. It would be bad form for Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad to let a ministry controlled by Tami escape the cuts, while applying the axe to ministries held by other parties.

It should be noted, though, that in this round of attempted cuts no one has even hinted that allocations for

Agudat Yisrael will be reduced. And the cabinet has already caved in to pressure from Tehiya that will make it impossible to cut back on new settlements in the territories.

ANOTHER tempting prey for the Treasury in the field of "welfare" is the allocations of the National Insurance Institute (NII), such as children's allowances and old-age pensions. This week, Cohen-Orgad revived the idea raised by the Treasury last August of cutting several billions from these benefits, or taxing them, which would amount to the same thing.

It cannot be stressed often enough that the children's allowances do not serve a welfare function, except for families with low incomes and many children. For families with incomes high enough to be taxed, the children's allowances are simply another name for tax deductions for dependents that exist throughout the western world.

The only difference is that they

are paid as cash transfers through the NII instead of being used to reduce the wage-earner's monthly tax burden. Thus, two workers with the same income pay the same income tax, but the one with more children gets a higher children allowance.

This system was instituted as part of the Ben-Shabar tax reform of 1975. The purpose was to provide benefits for families with incomes too low to be taxed, and thus unable to take advantage of the tax deductions that helped higher income families. Since then, however, the Treasury has allowed inflation to erode the value of the allowances, so that they are worth about half now what they were then.

As if that were not enough, the Treasury now proposes doing away with children's allowances for the first two children. This comes after having already won cabinet agreement to tax the allowances for the first two children in families in the 50 per cent marginal-tax bracket.

If Israel had a normal system of tax deductions for dependents instead of the children's allowances, and the Treasury tried to impose a

tax on the deductions, then there would be rioting in the streets. Evidently most people have mistakenly come to regard the allowances as "welfare," no matter who benefits from them.

ABOUT CUTTING old-age pensions, little needs to be said. How can anyone justify reducing payments to a group that already has a low income, and whose expenses for basic needs such as food, electricity and medical care have already zoomed upward in the last few months? And to add insult to injury, the Treasury has opposed the demands by the NII to give the low-income elderly full compensation for the spiralling price rises.

This makes it difficult, to put it mildly, to take seriously the protestations of the finance minister that his economic policy will not worsen the situation of the weak and the poor.

The Treasury's demands for cuts in welfare — in its narrow sense of help for those who can't help themselves — amount to nothing less than preying on the weak and the poor, not protecting them. It will be up to Tami to fulfil its claims to represent this group, and to rock the coalition boat if need be, even to the point of sinking it altogether.

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Dissent or deceit?

By SHMUEL KATZ

FROM lists prepared by a professional marketing organization, out of telephone directories. Throughout the U.S., of 1,200 people reached 640 responded. Maybe these 640 are representative.

It is no longer a secret that the results of a poll are weighted not only by the subject of the questions, but by the way they are worded. In this poll a new dimension was added to the slant: the omissions, the essential questions left unasked. Here is an example of this method:

Dr. Cohen asks for a reaction to 12 "positions often articulated by some of Israel's principal political leaders and parties." Two of these positions are not relevant to the debate on the Arab-Israeli conflict and we can ignore them here. Of the other ten positions, nine (repeat nine) are hostile to the positions of the government. Thus all but one of the Likud positions are not articulated in this questionnaire at all.

Thus Cohen quotes a position (pages 33-34): "Israel should offer the Arabs territorial compromise on Judea, Samaria and Gaza in return for credible guarantees of peace" (roughly the Labour Party position).

He does not quote the Likud position, which could read: "Surrender of territory will not bring peace but, as in the past, will encourage renewed Arab aggression as dictated by Arab and Moslem religious doctrine."

He quotes: "Israel should suspend the expansion of settlement in order to encourage peace negotiations."

He does not quote: "Israel should continue to settle in Judea and Samaria, which ensure the essential security of the State."

He quotes: "Palestinians have a right to a homeland on the West Bank and Gaza, so long as it does not threaten Israel."

But not, for example: "A Palestinian Arab state already exists, occupying three-fourths of the country: Transjordan (now called Jordan), originally given to the Arabs to serve the interests of British imperialism."

And so on, and so on.

THIS distortion of the realities of opinion in Israel did not quite achieve the desired result. On "territorial compromise" in exchange for credible guarantees of peace 45 per cent of those polled resisted the soothing syrup of "compromise" and "peace guarantees." Not unexpectedly, when faced with the one position identifiable with the Likud — "Israel should maintain permanent control over Judea and Samaria" — 59 per cent said "Yes." (Of the leaders, so carefully selected, 26 per cent...)

Are the AJC leaders conscious of the bias and consequent falsity of the report?

ON THE STRENGTH of my own observations over many years of study of the attitudes of the U.S. Jews who care about Israel, I venture to predict that a balanced poll of a fair sample of the community (if this is possible) will show that a clean majority of the people — in spite of years of brainwashing by the American media and of misdirection by many of their leaders — supports ensurance of Israel's security and future, and Jewish national rights, by the restoration of the territorial integrity of Western Palestine in a Jewish State with equal civil rights and obligations for all; and the right of Jews to live in every part of the country, provided nobody is thereby displaced. Jews who remain in the U.S. will, of course, not be able to decide the future of Israel. But they should not be misrepresented by wobbling leaders or by manipulated polls.

A MUCH LESS subtle ploy, indeed a glaring fraud was practised recently — by another organization, new-born in the U.S., called Committee of Concerned American Jews (CCAJ). The fraud was exposed by Abba Eban. Last April, Prof. Seymour Martin Lipset, a founder of this body, sent out a circular letter appealing for funds to promote — in effect — a movement in Israel designed to fight the present government. The letter charges that "powerful forces" in Israel are

working for policies which imperil her security and indeed her democracy; and that "desperately needed and deserved" is "assistance to those Israelis seeking to reclaim for Israel the vision, the idealism and the very values which motivated" the original pioneers.

Lipset's letter also berates those Americans who support the present government of Israel which, in characteristic impertinence, he describes as "the political faction now in control of the Israeli government."

In his long screed, peppered with unctuous references to love (of Israel) and truth, he enclosed a letter from Abba Eban. (Presumably his own name and the names of his colleagues were not deemed sufficiently attractive to win support). Recipients were asked to send their messages of support, and their money, to Mr. Eban at the Knesset.

Lipset's letter was sent (according to an article in *Present Tense* magazine by Wolf Blitzer) to 61,507 people by Lipset's associate Alan Baron, and some \$18,000 had already been collected.

ON MAY 6, *The Jerusalem Post* published a letter from Mr. Eban accusing the CCAJ of fabricating the letter "from Mr. Eban," as well as the letter-head.

"I had no knowledge," he wrote, "of the very existence of this organization and did not and do not endorse its aims."

He had protested vehemently, he wrote, to Prof. Lipset "against this outrageous conduct," and Lipset had sent him a telegraphed apology. Lipset claimed he had no personal knowledge that "those in Washington" had manufactured the letter, but accepted responsibility for "this outrageous action."

IT MAY be intellectually satisfying to see how one's political opponents find it necessary to call to their aid misinformation, distortion, and even — exceptionally — downright fraud. This however provides small comfort in the light of the harm brought to the Jewish cause by their activities — usually cloaked in the semantics of liberalism or presented with the brazen pretence of objectivity, but invariably exploited by the enemies of Israel.

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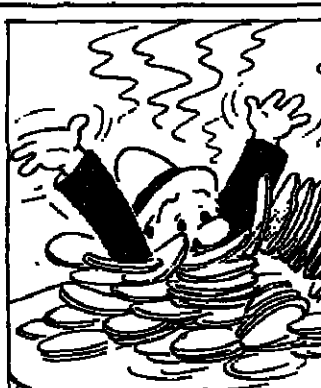
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TO JUDGE from the introductory highlights of the nightly television news and from the front-page headlines of the daily press one would think that the entire conscious existence of the average Israeli revolves around three clusters: the events in Lebanon; those in Judea and Samaria; and the undoing of the banks and of the economy.

One of the very important areas that has been almost totally obscured as a result of the media's tendency to over-concentrate on these news focuses is the Diaspora world. Literally months pass between reports in the electronic media and the press on developments in the Jewish world.

In the early years of the state such a situation was perhaps understandable. Israel was the creation of a Zionist movement whose ideology included the negation of the *galut*. The two, Israel and the Exile (later softened into the Diaspora), were seen as antithetical concepts. Thus the "healthy" new Jew of the restored Jewish Commonwealth could not be expected to take too much of an interest in the "shameful" fact of continued Jewish existence in exile, especially if that exile was voluntary and thus reminiscent of the biblical theme of the fleshpots of Egypt.

These basic attitudes are still manifested periodically in the exhortations to aliya that have become obligatory at any assembly of Israelis and Diaspora Jews, at least in Israel. But the truth is that Israeli attitudes to world Jewry have changed in the past decade.

Israel's greater dependence on the political power of certain Jewish communities abroad, and especially of American Jewry, has certainly increased the average Israeli's awareness of the interdependence between the two. The sense that in the final analysis Israel could depend only on world Jewry has increased with the deepening of Israel's political isolation in the 1970s and 1980s.

This interest has remained largely unfocused, however, and rather vague. Part of the fault for failing to translate that potential into vibrant familiarity with current Jewish events lies with the media. But an even larger part derives from the in-

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Yehuda Bauer... apt choice to head anti-Semitism study. (Ackerman)

tellectual bankruptcy of the World Zionist Organization.

IN THE HOPE of finding an oasis with a fountain of Jewish news in the Zionist establishment desert, I recently sat in on the concluding seminar of the Study Circle on World Jewry that is an ongoing project under the auspices of the President of the State.

The subject of the seminar that ended this year's three days of discussion at Beit Hanassi, was "Israel's Place in Diaspora Jewry Today: Changing Perceptions."

The study circle, consisting of over 100 academics and medium-level officials from the Jewish Agency — and hardly any from the Israeli government, except for a few ex-ambassadors, had met several times during the year to hear various papers on perceptions of Israel in the various diasporas.

The concluding seminar gathered many of these reports together and served as a meeting place for people who, it soon became apparent, know each other and each other's

opinions. The reports ranged from trenchant analyses to maudlin lamentations about the dousing of the revolutionary spark of early Zionism.

For me the most interesting feature of the seminar came in two consistent but quite obviously off-the-cuff remarks by President Herzog. In his words of welcome, he urged the conferees to focus on the pragmatic question of what was to be done with the situations they were prepared to analyze.

The request was given short shrift. In his closing remarks, the president, who was never a Zionist *askan* or a working intellectual but a military man, called in effect for the establishment of a policy-oriented think tank to go into the problems that had been discussed by the Study Circle with an eye to making recommendations for action.

Certainly not a revolutionary proposal, but one whose time has definitely come. The main impression left by the various reports was that the essence of the relationship

between Israel and the Diaspora has changed while we have been busy looking elsewhere.

We have to admit that Israel is not a central factor in the daily lives of the majority of the Jews in the Diaspora; but there is no question that the centrality of Israel to the organized life of Jewish communities everywhere has been established.

As Israelis, we are used to thinking in terms of an Israel whose basic existence continues to be threatened and of what Diaspora Jewry can contribute to overcome that threat. We are less aware that in today's world, it is the continued survival of world Jewry that is more under threat than Israel.

THERE ARE many matters concerning Jewish survival that fall between several stools: the Israel government is too busy with its own affairs; the Zionist Executive has long been moribund; Diaspora organizations at their best can see only part of the picture; projects like the President's Study Circle are too academic.

The coming year's seminar, which will be coordinated by Prof. Yehuda Bauer, replacing Prof. Moshe Davis, also of the Hebrew University's Institute for the Study of Contemporary Jewry, will be devoted to consideration of the recrudescence of anti-Semitism.

Prof. Bauer, one of the world's foremost students of the Holocaust, is certainly an apt choice to head the study of such a subject. But the subject itself is a good example of the need not just for an academic treatment but for policy-oriented research.

There are many other topics that deserve such pragmatic treatment. What can we learn from Israel's failure to do anything about the murderous anti-Semitism in Argentina in recent years? What can Israel and Jewish communities do about the suicidal demographic contraction of the Jewish people in the Diaspora?

What is required is not more talk, even intelligent talk. What is sorely needed is a framework and a mechanism for study leading to the formulation of programmes that will be translated into action.

completely assimilated home. A math genius, he received his MA from Moscow University at the age of 16.

In the three years after his return to Judaism, he moved from the *aleph bet* to teaching Talmud. And when he arrived in Israel three years ago, he gave up math in order to concentrate on Talmud and Hasidism.

For the sake of convenience, Branover calls this religious revival a "movement," but it was a spontaneous development, and even today there is no organization. It was sparked by old people who had received a yeshiva education in their youth.

The returnees believe in the importance of sharing whatever they learn, whether it is the Hebrew alphabet, *halacha*, or a bit of Chumash and Rashi. Everyone is simultaneously a pupil and a teacher.

That's why this development has a future. The people who are part of it don't cut themselves off from the world. Their way is to reach out. The nucleus of this "movement" numbers at least 2,000, says Branover. And perhaps as many as another 10,000 are connected to it. Two thousand out of almost two million may not be much, he says, but five years ago there were only a dozen. It's the only development there with content, with a program.

WHY HAVEN'T they come to Israel? The reason only a few dozen have done so is that this all started after the opportunity of leaving had been considerably curtailed.

In a sense, though, this has strengthened the "movement." And, despite the penalties they face, they manage to provide an uncompromising Jewish education for their children.

People who visit Russia and see the *ha'alei t'shuva* walking in the streets of Moscow with their payot, their black suits and black hats, risking arrest by the KGB, can't believe their eyes. "In my day the came to Israel in 1972, from Riga. I wouldn't have dared to do that. No one who hasn't lived in Russia can appreciate such heroism."

WHEN HISTORIAN Martin Gilbert addressed the recent open meeting of the Knesset aliya committee, charging the Israel establishment and media with neglecting the problem of Soviet Jewry, he said, paraphrasing Winston Churchill: "The people for whom we are fighting have the right to a plan as well as a cause."

Branover has a plan. "Push the Soviet Jews back to their roots. Motivate them so strongly that they will demand aliya. And if they demand it hard enough, they'll get it!"

REVIVAL IN RUSSIA

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Yirmiyahu Branover... 'Miraculous development.' (Raziel)

history and tradition, with *tefillin* and prayer books, with Jewish history books for children in Hebrew and Russian and with cassettes containing Jewish songs and music.

This, he is convinced, will do more to bring Jews to Israel than any number of protest marches along Fifth Avenue.

All the former Russian Zionist activists now in Israel agree on this point, he says. And something is being done along the lines he proposes. He praises Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin and Yehuda Dominitz, head of its Aliya Department, for providing such material.

Prof. Benjamin Fain, of Tel Aviv University, is doing good work in this area, too, he says. The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture is involved, as are other organizations and individuals.

BUT, IN GENERAL, the supply of cultural and religious materials to Russian Jews is regarded as a marginal matter. He says that this should be the primary activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

In the past 10 years, only about 400 books on Jewish subjects in Russian have been published. And of these, some are novels without real Jewish content, Branover says, and others are counter-productive. One such example is Max Dia-

mant's *Jews, God, and History*, which he calls "poisonous" and "anti-Tora."

Radio broadcasts from Israel are too few, too short and poor in content, Branover maintains. The Voice of America broadcasts one hour a week in Russian on Jewish religious and educational subjects. But Branover is sure that American Jews have enough influence to get this increased to five hours a day.

Of course, this would require the preparation of a tremendous amount of material. But the investment would be worthwhile: it would be many times more effective than much of the work being done by aliya emissaries.

THE ONLY encouraging trend among Russian Jewry, in fact "the most miraculous development in recent Jewish history," has been a religious revival encompassing a few thousand people.

ment, Branover says, adding wryly: "Maybe that's why some people are not too excited about it — they wouldn't be comfortable with so many bearded, black-garbed *ba'alei t'shuva* ("returnees" to Judaism), some of them extremists. They will come as full-fledged members of Israel society, with their own ideas and speaking fluent Hebrew."

Branover gives thumbnail sketches of a few of these returnees. One of them is Michael Schneider, now 24 or 25, who was reared in a

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SHABAT	BEGINS	ENDS
Tel Aviv	4:13 p.m.	4:29 p.m.
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JERUSALEM GREAT SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha 4:25, Shabbat Shabbat 8, Mincha 4:30, Maariv 5:25, Cantor Naftali Herzog and the Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir, under the direction of Eli Jaffe.

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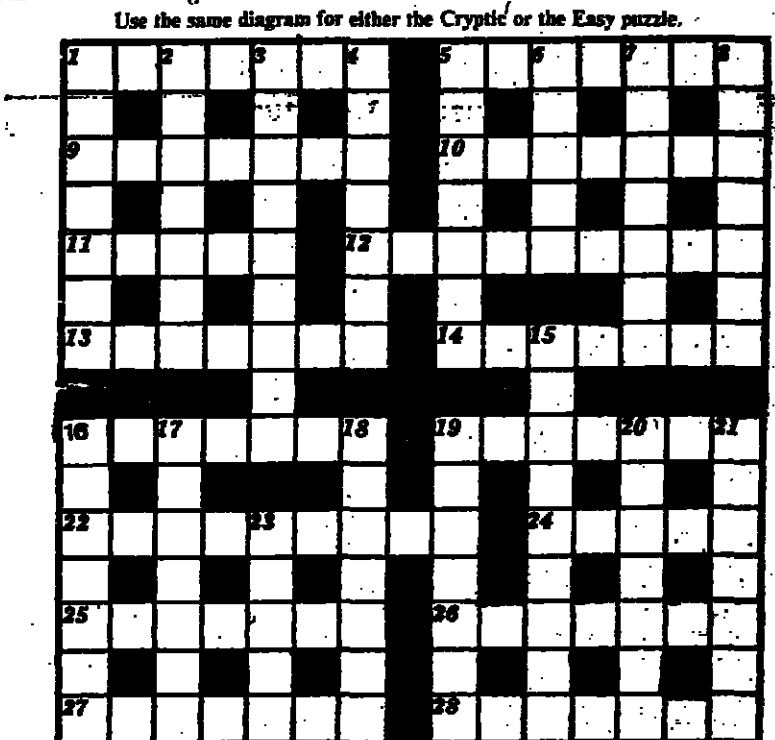
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Cryptic

- 1 US money? For pity's sake, show it to me (7)
5 These "Times" weather reports would have mentioned cold a lot! (3-4)
9 Contracts to make skin-tight clothing (7)
10 By the sound of it, about to send the head swimming (7)
11 Put up a house with a gate (5)
12 Create a diversion! (9)
13 They think a lot of clothes: will appear foolish in peoples' eyes (7)
14 Most fall in the water, here at the swimming-pool (4,3)
16 Give an account of one's purchases (7)
19 We wait the candidate to put them in little boxes at the polling booth (7)
22 They say it's the main job of these holy men (9)
24 Maybe, stress the major cause of traditional businessman's problem (5)
25 Count as new birds (7)
26 Subject on view? Quite the opposite (7)
27 Picks up the noise made by a pair of drums! (7)
28 Capitalist behind with such payments? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Rose to be crushed like this (7)
2 Leave, smoking a cigar with it. I see — not etiquette! (7)
3 Likely to get down with an attack of the staggers? (9)
4 Told off, getting these fire-works (7)
5 Those who are to get their cards and go, perhaps (7)
6 I won't be in it, if I'm not mistaken (5)
7 Look of disgust on the visage. Mock it (7)
8 Preferably a woman who has been worse than any of Satan's demons (7)
15 Not likely to say "wot abaht taking these lessons" (9)
16 A proper name; it should have one, this pre-eminent city (7)
17 Grad ways with sidelines, as it were (7)
18 Underwear display stops people getting into them (7)
19 Brief report that all the buyers have gone to push the boat out? (4,3)
20 With this, picks up a vacuum cleaner (7)



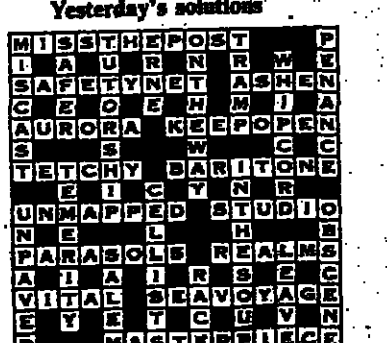
'Quickie'

- ACROSS**
1 Noblewoman (7)
5 Awkward situations (7)
9 Fabulous beast (7)
10 To make (7)
11 String, or strong thread (5)
12 Exactly the same (9)
13 To deprive of dignity (7)
14 Quiver with disgust, etc (7)
16 Hollows for the eyes (7)
19 Male royalty (7)
22 Which increases sound (9)
24 Boredom (5)
25 Of exalted rank (7)
26 Animate and exalt the mind (7)
27 Hung down (7)
28 Joins metals (7)

- DOWN**
1 Was far from certain (7)
2 Top part of a room (7)
3 To free from blame (9)
4 Dawn (7)
5 Royal Engineers (7)

- 6 Bird's perch (5)
7 Leaped upon (7)
8 Concerning the stars (7)
15 Unlimited (9)
16 Marine growth (7)
17 Eg. words for newspaper cartoon (7)
18 Stiff and pompous (7)
19 Political groups (7)
20 To keep shut in (7)
21 Eight-legged creatures (7)
23 Perfect (5)

Yesterday's solutions



Quick Solution
ACROSS: 7 Letter, 8 Square, 10 Blossom, 11 Exact, 12 Same, 13 Shrive, 14 Quiver, 15 Fab, 16 Devil, 17 Service, 18 Flimsy, 19 Aslant, 20 DOWNS: 1 Blubber, 2 Animate, 3 Feast, 4 Exaggerate, 5 Waver, 6 Jester, 7 Enthusiasm, 8 Fodder, 9 Reviled, 10 Berserk, 11 Scold, 12 Avoid, 13 Bridge.

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UK seeks alternative to MNF in Beirut

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Despite a strong statement from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Wednesday that Britain will not pull its peace-keeping troops out of Beirut, the feeling is growing here that Britain is becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of its 110-man force and the value of the multinational force.

Asked in a television interview about the role of the British troops, Thatcher hinted that she did not think the multinational force in its present form was totally suited to its task. She stressed the need for an alternative to withdrawal and emphasized the need for consultation with the other three countries involved — the U.S., France and Italy.

She added: "We have got to make alternative arrangements, particularly in the Beirut area, and the obvious thing is to get a better role and an extended role for the United

Nations. I think we must act together and we can't just come out of the Beirut area and leave a vacuum.

"You remember how terrible it was before the multinational force went in and if there was terrible slaughter again, we should all feel very guilty indeed that we had not made proper arrangements.

Some observers here have interpreted her remarks as a warning to President Ronald Reagan, under increasing pressure to withdraw American troops, not to take any precipitate action. "Thatcher bars way to hasty U.S. Beirut withdrawal" is how *The Times* interpreted her remarks.

Thatcher's reference to an increased role for the UN is seen here as being speculative and not likely to succeed because of the inevitable Soviet veto in the Security Council. Her statement is regarded as a way of searching for a solution to the problem of how to withdraw the multinational force without losing

face. It will give added importance to the visit to Damascus in the next few days by Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who leaves on Sunday for his first official visit to the Middle East since taking up his post in June.

Howe hopes to meet President Hafez Assad during the visit, which will also include Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Howe has also spoken of the possibility of the UN playing "a greater role."

His visit to the Syrian capital will be the second within a few weeks by a Foreign Office minister (Minister of State Richard Luce has also been there) and is an indication of Britain's belief that it can play a more active role in finding a solution to the Lebanese conflict. Lebanese President Amin Jumayel was in London last month for talks with Thatcher and Howe.

It is understood, however, that Howe will not present any new British initiative.

FEELERS

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civil servants' demands will be left to Ben-Ami, the workers' direct representative.

Meanwhile, the decision to hold a tripartite meeting next Tuesday involving Cohen-Orad, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel and the chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, Eli Hurvitz, raised some controversy in the labour federation.

Senior Mapam representative Naftali Ben-Moshe demanded that Meshel boycott the meeting, which he said would only give "practical and moral support to the government's reckless policy."

Issues such as increasing productivity and preventing unemployment could be left to lower ranking joint committees, he argued.

But Meshel reiterated his decision to attend the meeting, and also announced that he would seek a conference with Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt to discuss economic issues.



Writer Haim Guri walks out of the Jerusalem Theatre last night in protest against the comparison of Israeli right-wingers to Nazis in "Pillar of Wood," a political satire put on by the Tel Aviv Tzavta group. Guri, who was in the audience, stood and called out, "Can't you find some other comparison?" (Rahamim Levy)

ORGAD WORRIED

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aggravating unemployment. Uzan's party, Tami, has already indicated that the government decision has political implications, and that a failure by the Treasury "to distribute the burden of austerity fairly among income groups could decide Tami's future in the coalition."

Other ministries that have expressed doubts about their ability to cut spending by 9 per cent include Health, Education and Culture, and Interior. Until now, only the Agriculture and Industry and Trade Ministries have expressed their readiness to attain the goal.

The committee's meeting will take place at the same time that efforts continue to reach an understanding between the Histadrut and private employers on wages and prices.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel yesterday denied that he intends to seek a "package deal" with the Treasury based on a freeze of wages and prices. Meshel added that partial accords regarding prevention of unemployment may

be reached, but given ideological differences with the government, he saw no possibility of a "social contract."

Efforts to reach such an agreement are viewed by parts of the coalition as a means of ending the present labour unrest. Deputy Prime Minister David Levy has been active behind the scenes in seeking an accord between the Treasury and the labour federation. Cohen-Orad is also pessimistic, and has tried to postpone a meeting with Meshel scheduled for Tuesday, but was pressed to go ahead by Levy and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Meshel said yesterday that from now on, he will deal only with Cohen-Orad and not with Levy. This followed a meeting held yesterday by his second-in-command, Yisrael Kessar, with Treasury Director-General Emanuel Sharon.

U.S. WELCOMES

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there. Eventually, all the U.S. troops would be brought home.

The administration yesterday refused to comment on Israel's aerial pounding of Baalbek in Syrian-controlled Lebanon. Despite repeated questioning by reporters, spokesmen at the White House and State Department refused to criticize the Israeli actions. This was in marked contrast to earlier condemnations of similar Israeli air strikes that were said to have resulted in civilian casualties.

The Israeli ambassador in Washington, Meir Rosenne, met yesterday with Shultz at the State Department. Lebanon was on the agenda — as were Israeli-Egyptian relations, the joint French-Egyptian effort to revise UN Resolution 242, and the first meeting of the U.S.-Israeli military/political group, now scheduled for January 21 in Washington.

U.S. relations with Syria seem to have improved in the wake of Syria's decision to release U.S. Navy flier Robert Goodman.

At the Pentagon yesterday, spokesman Michael Burch pointedly told reporters that U.S. F-14 reconnaissance flights over Syrian-controlled areas in Lebanon have not been resumed since Goodman's return to the U.S.

Earlier in the week, U.S. officials

insisted they had not made any concessions to the Syrians in order to win Goodman's freedom. The last reconnaissance flights occurred on Tuesday, just hours before Goodman left Damascus.

Still, U.S. officials insisted that the suspension of the flights was not directly related to Goodman's release. They maintained that they were not required over the past 48 hours and would resume if necessary.

Other U.S. observers, however, called the suspension a "signal" to the Syrians to play a more constructive role in easing the tensions in Lebanon.

Goodman's A-6 attack fighter was called into action (and eventually downed) after Syrian ground-to-air missiles shot at the U.S. reconnaissance flights. At the time, the Americans pledged to continue those flights despite Syrian threats to continue shooting at them.

On Capitol Hill, there has been a slight easing of the pressure to pull the marines out over the past 24 hours as McFarlane and other senior administration officials continue their closed-door briefings for selected senators and representatives. But the White House is known to believe that clear progress will have to be achieved in the coming "two or three" weeks in order to stem the growing tide of criticism of the marine presence in Lebanon.

Laniado will close emergency ward

NETANYA (Itim). — The American board of trustees of Laniado Hospital here has decided to close the hospital's emergency ward and intensive-care unit because of the institution's financial difficulties.

The closure was planned for yesterday morning, but was postponed to Sunday because of the last-minute intervention of the Magen David Adom, which said that the hospital had failed to give advance warning.

Floods and landslides in Pacific Northwest

NEW YORK (AP). — Rivers bloated by heavy rain and an unusual January thaw overflowed their banks and isolated some communities yesterday in America's Pacific Northwest. Hundreds of people fled to the hills and many highways were blocked by landslides or high water.

In the state of Washington, Governor John Spellman declared a state of emergency late Wednesday

as rivers were swollen by the melting snow coupled with up to 15 cm. of rain in 24 hours.

Across the Canadian border in British Columbia, where 15 cm. of rain fell in 24 hours, about 300 to 400 people were evacuated along the Similkameen River.

Vancouver was cut off from the interior of the province when high water and rockslides closed the Trans-Canada Highway.

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Deposed mayor held on murder suspicion

Police yesterday announced that they are holding the deposed mayor of the Samaria town of Anabta on suspicion of involvement in the murder of a man from the nearby village of Labad last month.

The bullet-riddled body of Mahmud Rajab Bakr was found last December 18 in his taxi by passers-by at the entrance to the village of Bala'a. An investigation was begun, and yesterday, former mayor Wahid Hamdallah was picked up for questioning. According to regulations in effect in Judea and Samaria, he may be held by police for up to 18 days.

He is the only suspect being held now, the police said. (Itim).

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ONE OF THE odd aspects of modern life is the speed with which we get bored with media coverage of catastrophes, even when they affect us personally. Every stage of our descent into economic chaos has had its moments of high drama, but, after a couple of days, we lose interest and become obsessed by a longing to escape from our troubles.

Only last week I wrote that the television news and commentaries about the economy had the fascination for my eyes and ears that an abscessed tooth has for my tongue. But now I am finding that the pain has settled into a dull, chronic ache, and that all I want is escapism as an analgesic.

It is difficult to determine what exactly the role of Israel Television should be at such a time. Obviously, the primary duty of the people at TV House is to give us the truth and the whole truth, however awful it may be; but do they need to give us nothing but the truth? They have to hold their mirror up to nature, and to show us our economy blowing away like sand in a desert storm, while the government, like camel drivers, cover behind the camels in efforts to avoid the stinging particles. But does TV House have to go on and on and on, on every possible programme, rubbing our noses in the mess?

Theoretically, the answer, I suppose, must be in the affirmative. We sinned when we voted the rascals into power, and it is ethically just that we should pay for our folly. But the punishment of TV's preoccupation with our economic woes is beginning to inspire such boredom that the temptation to switch over to Jordan is almost irresistible.

During the Great Depression of the Thirties, Americans found solace in singing, "No more money in the bank, no more petrol in the tank. What to do about it? Let's put out the light and go to bed." In a

Longings to escape

TELEREVIEW/Philip Gillon

similar predicament in these more sophisticated days, we would like, as long as there is some electricity still available, to watch some television first.

AGAINST this background, Meir Shalev's *Good Hour* last Friday provided the perfect antidote. It was piquant, amusing and even informative, without at any stage reminding us that the country was in an appalling mess.

Shalev has become an exceptional compeere. His dry wit when he was a guest on the programme was always a delight; but what is ideal in a guest is not necessarily so in a host. When he took over *The Good Hour*, he tended to be a little too sharp, too much inclined to draw attention to his own jests, and did not bring out the best in his guests. I felt that he was using them as targets for his arrows, rather than encouraging them to show us their own prowess. They must have felt rather like a baited bear; he is the star of the show, but is not enjoying it nearly as much as the dogs that are baiting him or the audience roaring their applause.

Now I find that Shalev has mellowed, has tempered his wit with amiability, without abating the good humour and dry comments he in-

jects into the programme. His guests are responding very positively to this new approach, and the show as a whole is correspondingly more enjoyable.

This new approach was particularly noticeable in his handling of Freda Gudowitz, the head of the Rambam Organization of Natural Health. An expert on natural foods, medicines and aphrodisiacs, she dresses and does her hair somewhat eccentrically. She could very easily have been made the butt of supercilious jokes; instead, Shalev jollied her along very gently, and she positively flowered like one of her aloes. His passionate ejaculation, "Freda!", after he drank her aphrodisiac was very funny, without being in the least offensive.

Her description of a Shangi-la somewhere in the Himalayas, where people live forever without money, without police, without illness and without old age made the kind of life she is advocating for us seem rather tempting. But the thought of a perfect steak, dark on the outside and full of blood in the middle, embellished by this and that, and supplemented with appropriate liquids, put me off the perfect existence. Besides, who wants to live forever? As Mark Twain's Pudd'nhead Wilson said, "The reason



"Dallas" star Omri Katz, who portrays J.R.'s son.

that people weep at a funeral, and rejoice at a birth, is that they are not the party concerned."

ANOTHER of Shalev's guests was Omri Katz, the son of an Israeli woman settled in Los Angeles. Here, too, he resisted the temptation to be a smart aleck, and let the new young *Dallas* star dominate the stage. This boy did with great aplomb, explaining that he enjoyed getting the fattest part any modern juvenile actor can ever have hoped for only because he would earn thereby an enormous amount of money. This would enable him to buy his mother a new automobile and a new home. He wanted a lot of money, he said, because he liked the stuff very much. When he said that he was hoping to inherit Ewing Oil, I was not quite sure whether he was speaking as John Ross Jr. or as Omri Katz, but it did not matter.

Dr. Thomas Webber — I wondered what he is a doctor of — was once a member of the French Foreign Legion, fighting in North Africa. He is also the most highly qualified Jewish karate expert in the

world. At one point, his description of how he felt when combating terror in Algiers was reminiscent of how our soldiers must feel as an occupying force on the West Bank, but Shalev guided him skilfully around the comparison to enable us to get on with forgetting the news, and moved to karate.

When Webber was asked if he could break stones with the side of his hand, he said very gently that so far the stones of Jerusalem had not attacked him, a perfect indication of his karate philosophy.

A rather curious interview was that with Arye Yitzhaki about the new Caria Historical Atlas. Shalev introduced Yitzhaki by saying that the Atlas is normally considered to be an ideal present, but commented that this one was rather different from its predecessors, because it contained very controversial material about the Yom Kippur War. We certainly heard some very surprising views from Yitzhaki, challenging all the accepted versions of the official historians. I could not help feeling that a more appropriate place for so controversial a historian would be *Second Look*.

The show was introduced by Nathan Dantner playing Theodor Herzl. He ended the skit with a take-off of Chan Canasta, guessing what appeared on a certain line of a page in a book. Unlike Canasta, Herzl explained the trick — he said that he had written the book. The line said that, in the ideal Jewish state, the religious would be kept in the synagogues and out of politics. Poor Herzl was a pretty good prophet, but he couldn't be right on everything.

HE WAS BACK on the screen — Herzl, that is — in the opening episode of *Pillar of Fire*. I found this as soothing as any comedy or thriller. Perhaps it was seeing the Jews

in the days of their Zionist innocence, nearly a century ago, that made me forget what was happening to us in 1984. I still cannot understand why Yigal Lossin felt that a six-part apologia was needed before launching his great project a second time around.

I can see that he must have smarted from the criticism that it was a distortion to start Zionist history with the Dreyfus Trial and its effect on Theodor Herzl, an assimilated Viennese Jewish journalist. The purists are obviously right that the place to begin was with the Jews weeping beside the waters of Babylon, and vowing that they would never forget Zion and would always set Jerusalem above their chiefest joy. Surely it would have been technically possible, before the re-run, to insert a short explanation that there was no cameraman around during that exile.

Even on a second viewing, I found the first episode absorbing. Lossin has certainly done a great service to all historians by preserving for the record the views of people like Max Nurock, Dr. Sara Levite, Victoria Valero and Miriam Bernstein-Cohen. Menashe Eliahar's description of how the British sergeant and the cook accepted the surrender of Jerusalem in Romema, and then pleaded for matches to light their cigarettes, was very piquant.

Perhaps because of the paucity of available film, the episode moved at great speed from Dreyfus to General Allenby dismounting from his white horse at Jaffa Gate to enter the Holy City on foot. What a contrast with Kaiser Wilhelm II, who had the wall cut so that he could ride in.

The British really can show a sense of history when occasion demands.

LOVERS OF British humour must

have been very thrilled by the reappearance of *Are You Being Served?* I received as many abusive letters for saying some weeks ago that I had gone off the programme because I found the innuendos about homosexuality and homosexuality becoming tedious as I normally do for mocking the absurdities perpetrated by our government. One reader even quoted Shakespeare's comedies as models of this type of humour. I must concede that the comparison is apt — but then Shakespeare is a model for everything in show business.

Perhaps I had taken these admonitions to heart or perhaps absence makes the heart grow fonder: I found this week's episode, about the dangerous consequences of Rumbold's installing a Big Brother TV eye in the store, uproarious.

On a more highbrow level, *Allegro*, the musical quiz, has become a really remarkable show, full of twists and turns, brilliant and original variations on the theme of a musical quiz. The latest programme included a very funny sketch based on names and terms, an interpretation of soccer and volleyball, and Mendi Rodan conducting without any music. Yitzhak (Zachi) Shimoni is running the show beautifully, with the necessary authority but without being as schoolmasterish as he used to be on *Treasure Hunt*. The skill of the contestants is breathtaking.

Two Saturdays ago our Cinderella programme, *Maba Sport*, really went to the ball, and started to present several sports, instead of devoting all their time to snippets of our own soccer. Inevitably, just as the programme was picking up, some crazy strike or other cut it to a few minutes. It was as if Cinderella's footmen reverted to being mice before she reached the palace, because the fairy godmother was underpaying them. A pity.

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After her retirement, she continued to maintain contact with *The Post*, which in a sense was her family.

Throughout the years, she was a frequent and generous contributor to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund. When she died a few months ago, the Toy Fund became one of her main beneficiaries. The executors of her will this week forwarded \$10,000 to the fund.

There were many other generous gifts this week to both the Toy Fund and Forsake Me Not, with the Caesarea Golf Club maintaining what has now become an annual tradition.

It is particularly pleasing that such large sums of money have been coming in when almost everyone is feeling the economic pinch. The state of social welfare has been in the news with sanctions taken by employees of the Ministry of Social Affairs, and several institutions across the country closing — at least temporarily. Restoring the pre-sanctions status quo will not be easy and much more funding will be needed than is available.

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Selling wave loses some steam

TEL AVIV. — The selling wave which engulfed the share market over the last four sessions seemed to have run its course yesterday. There were still plenty of heavy losers, but the scope of the down-market narrowed considerably. There were 18 "sellers only," but on the other hand seven issues were able to show five per cent gains after being fixed as "buyers only." However, 64 issues did fall by more than five per cent, while gainers totalled only 37.

The Rapac 0.1 shares, in the service and trade sector, were clipped for a 25.5 per cent loss. Tronastest 5 lost 18.3 per cent. Turnovers were just under \$57 million and of that figure more than 80 per cent was recorded in the commercial bank and bankholding group. Sellers continued to unload bank shares which are part of the agreement with the Treasury. The Bank of Israel, acting as a loyal agent for the Treasury, absorbed these shares without any change in price.

Over the course of the week the Bank of Israel has been spending about \$500m, as part of its her-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

Efforts to maintain stability in the trading of both the bank shares and the index-linked bond group.

Trading in index-linked bonds was relatively steady. Turnovers of \$556m, slumped to just below that of the share group. However, prices were mostly unchanged or slightly lower. It was a typical pattern of support for a falling market.

The devaluation of the shekel nearly ground to a halt, as the local currency lost only eight agorot against the dollar.

A measure of optimism, no matter how small, is always to be found in the heart of the speculator. If any proof of this were needed, it could be found in the oil sector of trading. Rumours continued to circulate about the prospects of a commercial oil strike at the J.O.E.L. drill

hole at Gurim IV. These rumours were enough to start a small stampede for oil shares. The J.O.E.L. shares could not be bought, as they did not trade after being "buyers only." Individuals who yesterday bought the J.O.E.L. option had to pay up at a price which was 18.4 per cent higher than Wednesday's closing. North American Oil and Naphta were both 10 per cent winners.

Among banks not part of the agreement, the Marking Bank 0.1 shares were up 10 per cent. FIBI, however, was 3.4 per cent lower. Danot 1 was a 6.9 per cent loser.

Mortgage bank issues were mostly unchanged, but Independence Bank shares were 7.1 per cent lower.

Specialized financial institution issues were slightly lower. Clal Leasing 0.1 was down 8.5 per cent. The beleaguered insurance sector continued to be pounded to lower price levels. Menorah 1 and 5 and Re-Insurance 0.1 were hit for 10 per cent losses. Zion Holdings 1 was down by nine per cent.

The service and trade group continued to slump, though at a slower rate.

There were only isolated positive price developments in the real estate, land development and citrus group. Ammonim, which recently reported positive financial results, was "sellers only" for the second session. Property & Building was tumbled for a five per cent loss. Solel Boneh was down 6.1 per cent.

Bargain basement buying interest helped industrials to wind up on the plus side of the ledger. Elron Electronics picked up 2.9 per cent, while Elbit slipped ahead by 8.1 per cent. Arit turned around and advanced by 3.7 per cent.

Alliance Tire wound up as "buyers only" and five per cent higher. The Dead Sea Works shares were unchanged, as was the case with AIPM. Molett was on the "sellers only" list. Clal Industries picked up a measly two-point gain.

Investment company shares were also on the upside. The Israel Corp. 10 shares were one per cent higher. Discount Investments edged higher by 0.7 per cent, while Clal Israel 10 gained a full five per cent. Piryon chipped in with a 2.9 per cent advance.

Elite announced its financial results for the six months ending September 30, 1983. The company achieved a profit of \$295m, but after applying the rules of accounting under inflationary conditions, the profit resulted in a \$27m loss.

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	Jan 5, 1984	Prev	Close
Bank base rate	9	9	9
Call money	9 1/4	9	9
91-day Treasury	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
3-months interbank	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4

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Bank of Israel exchange rates

	Jan 5, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	110.6599	156.6944
British sterling	39.5921	12.9955
German mark	12.9955	35.3095
French franc	35.3095	49.5744
Dutch guilder	49.5744	13.5937
Swiss franc	13.5937	10.9735
Norwegian krone	10.9735	18.7163
Danish krone	18.7163	88.6165
Canadian dollar	88.6165	99.5386
Australian dollar	99.5386	89.4519
South African rand	89.4519	19.4738
Belgian franc (10)	19.4738	56.2797
Austrian schilling (10)	56.2797	6.5344
Italian lire (100)	6.5344	47.4284
Japanese yen (100)	47.4284	294.36
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The bell tolls

IF THE opinion polls are correct, popular disenchantment with the Likud-led government is deepening. It is surprising that this has taken so long. For the mis-rule of the second Begin government, exemplified by misconceived military adventure in Lebanon and misconceived economic policy at home, should have been plain to the entire citizenry long ago. That it was not, can be ascribed only to the unbounded faith so many of the people vested in Mr. Begin — a faith which held even as he quite visibly declined and ceased to function — and to their reluctance to consider the Labour Alignment a better alternative.

This legacy of mis-rule devolved upon Mr. Shamir and presented him with a hopeless assignment: to salvage the salvagable in Lebanon, to rescue the economy from looming disaster, and to sustain the impaired Likud imagery (but without Mr. Begin) in order to hold together public support for his government and party.

That Mr. Shamir has not been able to do the impossible is no fault of his own. His party, and the nation for that matter, owe him gratitude simply for accepting such a mission, and for the quiet way in which he has put distance between his administration — however short-lived it may be — and the irrational posturing and policies which preceded him.

In Lebanon there are now signs that Israel may be able, finally, to extricate itself from the morass. It will probably require consent to a continuing, though reduced, Syrian presence. That would be a reversal of the Israel official position. But this is apparently a price Mr. Shamir is now ready to pay, in return for some acceptable security arrangements in the south.

No such miraculous helping hand has appeared for Mr. Shamir on the economic front. Quite the opposite. Sensing chaos and political defeat, it has been Mr. Shamir's colleague and competitor, David Levy, who has emerged as the Likud's prime mover — eclipsing both the Premier and the Finance Minister. But the problems are too immense even for Mr. Levy's intrepid self-confidence. Not even he can single-handedly forge the kind of national cohesion, national discipline and national compact that would muster the Histadrut, labour and the private sector behind a Likud reform programme that remains anchored to Likud priorities and to the Likud's coalition arrangements.

Battered and bruised, Mr. Shamir and his party can also no longer unfurl the fearless and fatal slogans that mesmerized the Likud's followers under Mr. Begin and kept his reign intact. Mr. Shamir is deprived of any rallying cry.

All that keeps his government coalition together is fear: fear of the electorate and fear of defection to the opposition.

This cannot be a sound basis for a government or a healthy condition in which to confront domestic crisis.

It was the perdurable Minister of Interior and Religious Affairs who gave expression yesterday to the government disintegration around him. Dr. Burg did not know whether the government would last through next week.

Mr. Shamir as well should now recognize the emergency and decide whether to prefer national rescue by an agreement with the Labour Alignment, or deepening national disarray.

Policies of bankruptcy

By MEIR MERHAV

WHEN A FIRM goes broke, the first thing that happens is that the courts suspend its managers and appoint a receiver. When a country is on the brink of bankruptcy, the analogous procedure is to change the government — hopefully, by democratic process.

This, as everyone knows, has not yet happened in Israel, and is not about to happen within weeks or months. So the country has not yet formally gone into receivership, although the background paper which Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad placed on the cabinet table last week stated bluntly that, until such and such is done (of which more later), Israel will, within months, find itself unable to raise the foreign currency for importing raw materials. In plain language: we need drastic action to prevent us going broke.

A budget — it has been repeated a thousand times — is the translation into financial terms of a government's policy. Of its overall, not only economic, policy. In normal times, when difficulties do not add up to a looming crisis, the management of those variables that fall within the compass of economic policy proper may be sufficient.

This is no longer the case, as the Treasury paper makes abundantly clear. We are facing a real crisis.

No one seriously expects this government to reverse its overall policy and climb down from political commitments that are beyond the country's resources. It will continue to drain what is left of them.

We are stuck in Lebanon, where we went to conduct a "war of choice"; we are saddled with the cost of a continuing settlement policy to which no one is able to put the real price tag; we are, above all, forced to pay the price of holding the coalition together and keeping this government in power for as long as possible.

SINCE THERE IS no reversal of policy in the offing, there can also be no real change in the budget, the financial expression of that policy. That is why even Cohen-Orgad, who by training and ministerial function surely sees the implications and called for budget cuts that — as his fellow ministers quickly perceived — would have amounted to some change of political course, did not dare to ask for a cut in actual government spending.

All he asked for was a cut in planned increases and — given the danger that with overall spending unchanged the economy will grind to a standstill for lack of foreign finance — a redistribution of public expenditure in such a manner as to place virtually the entire burden of

the inevitable contraction of consumption on the wage earners.

Cohen-Orgad's message that, after three and a half decades of solid economic achievements Israel may soon find itself in a financial squeeze similar to that of Argentina, Brazil or Mexico (but without their resources, and with a defence burden they do not have) was evidently not clear enough for the government to decide to go into receivership — to the polls. Nor was it loud enough for the opposition, and the Histadrut in which it is still dominant, to mount street demonstrations. Israeli women have not yet started to bang pots and pans in the streets, as they did in Chile.

However, the message was clear enough for the cabinet to decide to put the Treasury into receivership. The ministerial economic committee was converted into a budget division. The prerogative for preparing a budget — for decades in the Treasury's hands — was taken away from it.

On Tuesday, that ministerial budget committee, instead of debating seriously on priorities, decided to take the easy way out. Since the redistribution of an unchanged total of public expenditure still requires cuts in the various ministries' expenditures, each minister was to go home and prepare his own proposals, incorporating an overall targeted slash of 9 per cent.

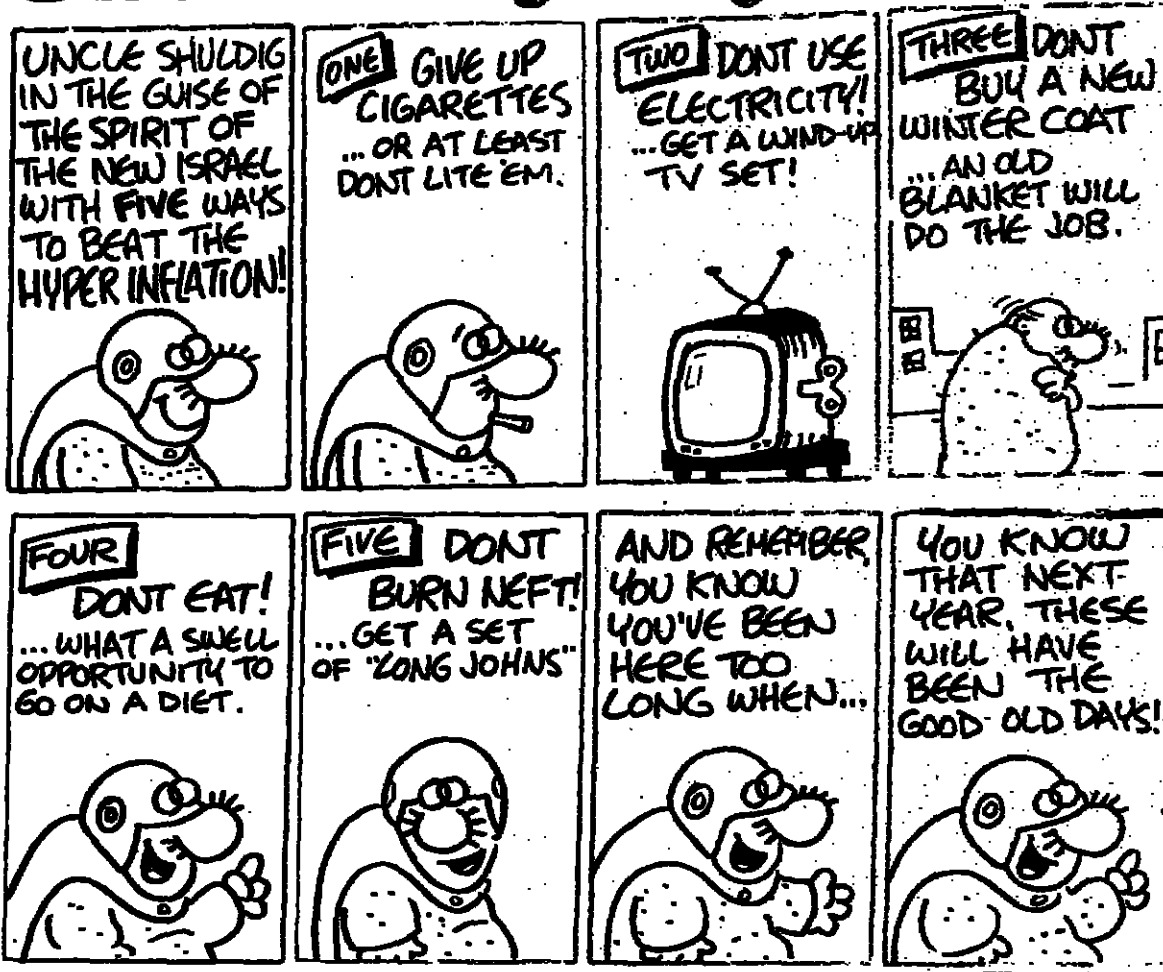
COHEN-ORGAD objected. He knows, as does every professional economist, that there is no way of cutting government spending at an equal rate across the board, and since no minister will cut his budget by more than the agreed uniform rate and some will not be able to reduce their spending by that much, the 9 per cent will soon become 6, 4 — or virtually nothing.

The finance minister may also have objected for a more basic reason: across-the-board cuts, even if implemented, mean that the priorities will always be those of political expediency, not of real social, political or economic need. Nevertheless, the minister caved in and swallowed the abrogation of his office's powers and competence.

He might have resigned — but that would probably have finally brought the government down. And that is as little as he is to his colleagues' purpose.

When the final budget is stitched together from the patches supplied by the individual ministries, we shall therefore find that the fate of those firmly resolved budget cuts will be the same as previous ones. All finance ministers in the history of Israel have, at some time during

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their term of office, "cut" public spending. The result has always been an increase.

This is as likely to happen now as it has been in the past, probably more so. Cohen-Orgad has successfully squeezed wages in the short run. An acquiescent Histadrut, making a noise barely loud enough to be heard, has helped him. As things stand now, he needs no "package deal" with the Histadrut — he already has it. He can therefore freely use the most efficient system of taxation a government can have — inflation — to reduce real wages, and thereby private consumption and imports.

IN THE SHORT run, sending the economy into a recession — which is the declared "interim" goal of this newest economic policy — and allowing the erosion of real wages no doubt works, on the import side. The Treasury background document presented by Cohen-Orgad states clearly what the purpose of the exercise is: to convince financial institutions abroad that Israel is reducing its living standards, so they will agree to renew the country's credit lines.

Within no more than a few months, however, this policy will have run its course. There are limits to the squeeze that can be put on real wages: in Israel they are even narrower than in other countries. And as the months go by and elections come closer, there will inevitably be a reversal to a policy of bribing the public. This will no doubt be more difficult than it was for Yoram Aridor in 1981; therefore, if the same political results are to be achieved, it will also be more costly. Any short-term

improvement in the balance of payments position will then be wiped out.

Even the hoped-for short-term improvement is very much in doubt. The Treasury's predictions of a 10 per cent increase in exports (nearly 15 per cent in industrial exports) are wishful thinking of the worst kind. Not even selling the added value of our exports at an effective exchange rate of, say, IS300 or 400 to the dollar will achieve such an increase in one year, after zero growth in 1982 and 1983.

Still more precarious is the outlook on the import side. Next year the Treasury will have to repay IS470b. in domestic debts — IS130b. more than in the fiscal year 1983 (both figures at average 1983 prices). In the past, the Treasury has by and large managed to recycle these debts — mobilizing enough private savings to enable it to repay old loans, and more. Currently, the Israeli public has generally held on to its savings, and not diverted them to consumption.

MEANWHILE, however, something has happened. There has been a crash on the stock market. Confidence in the government as a safe and reliable repository of private savings has been undermined. The economy has shifted from high inflation into hyperinflation, making goods and immediate consumption steadily more attractive than financial assets, whose value is no longer considered safe.

Of the total of IS470b. in domestic debts which the Treasury will have to repay in 1984, some IS200b. are the share of Israeli financial institutions. The Treasury can count on these to be recycled: the pension funds, insurance companies and other institutions will exchange their expiring government obligations for new ones.

The many individuals who hold the remaining IS270b. are under no such obligation. Even the diversion of a relatively small fraction of the government obligations to be repaid in 1984 to consumption may nullify all the efforts of the Treasury to reduce private consumption.

A look at the figures bears this out. Private consumption in 1983 was IS379b., and is to fall, according to Treasury predictions, to IS353b. in 1984. It is therefore enough if 10 per cent of the government debt to be repaid next year is diverted to consumption for the entire result of the squeeze on real wages to be wiped out.

Since the big savers are not the

wage earners (aside from their contractual savings in pension funds), there will be a redistribution of private consumption. The affluent will keep their consumption standards and, as this becomes evident, the government will redouble its efforts to squeeze wages, thereby increasing the disparity in the existing income distribution.

If one considers that, in addition to the savings that will become liquid, the public sits on financial assets of IS3.4 trillion, of which IS759b. are liquid by the narrowest definition, the prospects become even more uncertain.

THE LONG and the short of it is that, even if the cabinet ministers do produce some reduced budgets for their respective fiefdoms, the resulting crazy quilt will not amount to a budget. There is no policy — and the reason there is no policy is that this government has reached the end of its tether. Its only purpose is to keep itself afloat. It has committed the country to a course of foreign and domestic policy which is far beyond our resources.

This is the real meaning of "living beyond our means," the concept which has been dinned into our ears for years.

MK Geusia Cohen has discovered the source of our economic woes: the Camp David accords, and the return of the Sinai oilfields to Egypt. Had we held on to them, she says, we might today have not only the \$1b. we must save, but two to three times as much.

I have an even better solution. Let's march into Saudi Arabia. There is much more oil there, and that country's army is probably less a match for us than Egypt's.

For those who do not want "wars of choice," there are other alternatives. First among them are to get out of Lebanon and save \$1m. a day, and to stop giving Israelis second homes in the West Bank. Only a little way down on the list of priorities is to stop bribing the non-Zionist members of the coalition and their hangers-on, as well as other splinter groups and parties.

But all this means nothing more than kicking the present government out by democratic elections, aided by a healthy dose of mass demonstrations, strikes, sanctions and all the other things democratic nations resort to when they want to save their future.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS OF ALL LIFE'S tragedies, the death of a spouse is perhaps the most harrowing. A major study of how Americans deal with this pain reaches a surprising conclusion: those with unhappy marriages grieve far longer for their lost mates than do the survivors of loving partnerships.

Anguish is also more likely to linger for years if a spouse dies unexpectedly or if the mate left behind had been intensely dependent upon the deceased.

The findings are part of the final report of the Harvard Bereavement Study, based on interviews with 68 widows and widowers in the Boston area, all under age 45.

Drs. Robert Weiss of Harvard Medical School and the University of Massachusetts and Colin Murray Parkes of London Hospital Medical College recently published their summary as a book called *Recovery from Bereavement*.

"The first thing that surprised us is how long it takes to recover from loss," Weiss said. "When we started, everybody thought that crises were dealt with in six weeks or so. We discovered that in fact you never get over it fully. But the time required to re-establish a way of life that has some integrity takes about a year, and there is still a lot of distress at that point."

The depth of despair after a bad marriage was another paradox. People seemed to get helplessly stuck in grief when death ended a relationship that was marred by bickering and turmoil. Many survivors still yearned for their mates during followup interviews two to four years after their deaths.

The researchers are not sure why this happens, but they have theories. For one thing, there is plenty of opportunity for regret and self-reproach.

"As long as the marriage con-

tinues, there is hope that things might get better, but once a person is dead, it is too late to say 'I'm sorry,' they wrote. "The survivor mourns not only for the marriage that was, but also for the marriage that could have been and was not."

PS RUMANIA'S leaders, faced with dwindling power supplies, have urged private consumers to stop using vacuum cleaners, washing machines and refrigerators in an unprecedented energy-saving campaign.

The ruling party's executive political committee called on private consumers to reduce by at least 50 per cent the consumption of electric power and natural gas, warning that consumers who failed to do so would be cut off from the general network.

"...Serious difficulties in the power supply have been caused" by industrial public and private energy consumption," the Communist Party daily *Scinteia* said recently.

The party session chaired by President Nicolae Ceausescu also ordered citizens to use radio and television sets "for the shortest time."

The state-controlled newspapers attributed the energy situation to lack of rain in two consecutive years and shortcomings in the operation of coal-fueled power stations.

Already in force have been regular cutoffs of electricity, heat and warm water several hours a day, including in Bucharest, and a ban on neon signs.

Informed sources said all kindergartens, elementary and high schools would suspend their activity in January to cope with the energy crunch.

Among other measures were a shutoff of street lights in villages and of heaters in some public institutions and homes.

READERS' LETTERS

CELEBRATING NEW YEAR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mr. Von Bergblum (December 27) may or may not be right as to the religious connection between Christmas and the Christian New Year, although it is true they both occur during the winter solstice and, as all know, the dates were selected for the very practical purpose of benefiting from the already sacred (to the pagans) nature of the solstice.

However, he is correct in pointing out that even in our homeland, there are already now so many of us celebrating the pagan New Year that the meaning of "New Year" is becoming entirely neutral as between the Jewish New Year and the Christian one. In English, "Happy New Year" is even now used for both.

One can predict the course of events from now on: parties and hilarity and high old times will so endear "Sylvester" to the children as they grow up and are invited to these things that another "tradition" will be born and Rosh Hashana will degenerate, as in the eyes of the assimilating young in the U.S., into "just another Jewish holiday," sombre and grey, celebrated mainly by the insufferably old-fashioned and the prehistoric middle-aged.

Mr. Von Bergblum's point about Purim is also extremely well taken. Every people is entitled to its joyous holiday. Ours is — or was — Purim, but times are changing.

A Jewish state cannot save the Jews from themselves.

ROBERT GREENGARD

Holon.

JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Gideon Rafael's statement that "historically, Jerusalem has never been the capital of any other state but a Jewish state" (December 25) is simply wrong. Jerusalem was the capital of the Kingdom of Jerusalem — the Crusaders' state. Furthermore, before being conquered by King David, Jerusalem was the capital of a non-Jewish people known as Jebusites.

ISRAEL SHAHAK

Jerusalem.

SUPPORTING TERROR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In reply to Pinchas Lazar's letter, *The Jerusalem Post*, December 29, some short comments. If Mr. Lazar believes that the assassination of Lord Mountbatten got us the State — *yesham lo*. What other means were available? Well, how about the means used by the Jewish Agency, the Va'ad Leumi and the Hagana, which included armed struggle, Aliya B, diplomacy (yes, it took diplomacy to get the two-thirds majority in the UN General Assembly in November 1947), strengthening the embryo state by means of settlement, economic development, education...

It is strange how anyone supporting personal terror can refer to those who oppose it (thank God they were the overwhelming majority in the Yishuv!) as thinking of history in "fixed categories devoid of human content."

How one feels about terror, all terror, is clearly a function of one's deep beliefs and values. If Mr. Lazar thinks that mine are priggish let it be. I do not feel slighted or alone — I am in good company with Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion, Prof. Scholem, Prof. Talmon, and a few other "inconsequential" personalities who also believed that the course of terror was the wrong one and that there were other means.

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